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| Fanning ...Dep.    | 7.30  | 8.55 | 10.00 | 10.50 | 12.50 | 2.05 | 3.05 | 5.25 | 6.35 | 8.05 |
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## MUSIC FROM THE AIR.

UNCANNY ALBERT HALL CONCERT.

PUZZLED LONDON AUDIENCE.

London, December 12th.

A slim young man in a dinner jacket stood on the platform of the Albert Hall last night, and, moving his hands up and down above a wireless instrument, drew violin music out of the air. It was uncanny. It was unnatural; but the music was so remarkable that the great audience, which contained many famous musicians, broke into loud applause.

The concert was Professor Leo Theremin's first public demonstration in England of the apparatus which he has invented for drawing music from the air.

Theremin is thirty years of age. He is professor at the State Institute of Technical Physics at Leningrad, and his invention is so unusual that he is now touring the world with it. His next demonstration will be in America.

"Harnessing The Howl." The instrument looks like an ordinary large wireless set. A two-foot brass aerial rises at one end of it and a circular metal hoop at the other. As the human hand, which is a conductor of electricity, enters the electro-magnetic field round this aerial the pitch of the wireless power becomes higher, and the intensity of the tone, which varies from the softest pianissimo to the most thunderous fortissimo, is regulated as the hand approaches or recedes from the metal hoop.

What Professor Theremin seems to have done is to harness the wireless howl.

The noise he made last night, magnified by amplifiers, could have lifted the roof from the Albert Hall. He produced notes in contrast as soft as velvet, and so high that the ear could not register them.

"Remarkable Expression." He played with remarkable expression Schubert's "Ave Maria," Offenbach's "Musette," Saint-Saens' "The Swan," Rubinstein's "Night," and several other popular airs. They were loudly applauded by a critical audience. There were moments when with closed eyes it was possible to imagine that one was listening to a violinist, to a cellist, and to a soprano. There were moments when it seemed that one was listening to a drunken violinist playing with a buttered bow.

The audience left impressed but puzzled. They were impressed by the weird sight of this young man standing bare and just picking violin music out of the air, shaking his fingers in the empty air, and producing an emotional tremor; plucking at invisible strings and producing staccato notes. But they wondered if they had seen a revolution in music or merely a seven days' wonder. When Mr. Bernard Shaw heard it at a private concert on Saturday he said that he had heard better noises on a comb covered with tissue paper!

Notes To Be Tamed.

Professor Theremin believes that all the notes of an orchestra, brass, woodwind, and drum, are in the air ready to be tamed and harnessed as he has harnessed the wireless violin. He believes that in time he will be able to create a wireless orchestra capable of greater range and expression than any orchestra which blows with the human breath or draws horseshair over catgut.

It is difficult to know what he imagines is the practical application of his astonishing invention. He speaks only Russian, and even his Press agent cannot find out whether he is married or not! In view of this distressing situation, the question remains a mystery. If Professor Theremin hopes to domesticate his new invention and to train thousands of householders, who now make noises on pianos, gramophones, and pianolas, to shake airs from the air then a new terror has been added to modern life.

It seems probable, however, that the wireless violin may make its appearance in an orchestra, or may even create a wireless Kreisler.

## "WEAKLING" SCHOOLBOYS.

PARENTS AND NE- VES.

COLLEGE DOCTORS CRITICISM.

"We do not want too much cotton wool or hot-house treatment to develop the kind of boy which this country wants," said Dr. L. R. Lempriere, Medical Officer of Haileybury College, speaking at the Public Institute of Health, London, on "The Health of the Public Schoolboy."

Dr. Lempriere, who has been at Haileybury for twenty-five years, said it was his experience that boys returned to school after holidays out of condition. The time allowed for bathing at public schools, he thought, was much too long, and was responsible for a considerable amount of delinquency and loss of weight. Twenty minutes in the school swimming-plunge was ample. He found that the public schoolboy of to-day was taller than the boy of forty years ago, but was more of a Sybarite and a weakling. There were more weaklings at the English public schools to-day than formerly, although it was not public school life which was responsible for this. It was due to the material supplied; it was not the soil, but the seed.

Public Schools Good For Spoiled Children.

The weakling type of boy was found more in the public schools of the South than in those of the North, and represented from 10 to 15 per cent. of the whole school population. Catarrhal defects caused more illness, loss of work and play, and interfered more with the happiness of boys than any other disease. Mental hygiene was in a deplorable condition in most public schools, but mental hygiene was very good. Parents were mainly responsible for nervous ailments among boys. The highly nervous boy was invariably found to be a spoiled child, and the best possible cure was the public school life. Defective eyesight was very common, and 20 to 25 per cent. of those who entered the schools had defective eyesight. The effect of public school life on the individual was in the majority of cases beneficial, and resulted in the weakling becoming robust, and the nervous boy growing confident and self-controlled. Many people considered that the public school was not the place for the weakling, but he disagreed. He quite recognised that such a boy was a nuisance and an anxiety, but he had as much right as the robust to the advantages which the system offered.

Higher Standard of Cleanliness Needed!

"In our public schools we undoubtedly want a very much higher standard of cleanliness, both personal and general," he said. The food was good, but there was an insufficiency of fresh fruit. The hours of work required some modification in the case of the small boy, who worked as long as his elder brother in the higher forms. Only in the summer time should study be demanded before breakfast. At Haileybury he forbade the wearing of overcoats except when sports were being witnessed, or during railway journeys. He believed that a boy should keep himself warm by his own active movements.

Colonel John Buchan, M.P., who presided, hoped that Dr. Lempriere's next lecture would deal with "The Neurotic Pathology of Parents." (Laughter.)

£50,000 SUIT AGAINST KAISER'S SISTER.

MANNEQUIN TO CLAIM FOR "ALIENATION."

Mlle. Odette Louis, the twenty-one-year-old Paris mannequin, states that she intends to file a suit at Bonn for £50,000 damages for alienation against Princess Victoria, the ex-Kaiser's sister, now the wife of M. Alexander Zouboff, the twenty-four-year-old Russian refugee.

"Alexander and I have been engaged for six months," she said "and it was clearly understood that we were going to be married some day. I have dozens of letters from him in which he spoke of marriage."

"I have first claim on him, and I am not going to let any other woman take him from me as easy as all that."

## DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Cathedral Women's Workers' Guild: Corporate Communion, St. John's Cathedral, 10 a.m.; Committee Meeting, 10.30 a.m.

Annual Distribution of Prizes Ellis Knickerbocker School for Indians, by Mr. A. el Arculi, 11.30 a.m.

Garrison Football League: 19th H. Bty. R.A. v. 31st H. Bty. R.A. Sookunpo, 4.15 p.m.

Inter-Departmental Football: Sanitary Dept. v. P. W. D., H.K.F.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. Club de Recreio, King's Park, 5 p.m.

Reception to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Swann, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 4.45 p.m.

Institution and Installation of the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.C., as Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Archdeacon of Hong Kong, and of the Rev. Mok Shau Tsang, as Archdeacon of Chinese work in the Diocese of Victoria, at St. John's Cathedral, by the Rev. Bishop Duppuy, 5.30 p.m.

Musical: "Music from Shakespeare," Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Fire Brigade."

World Theatre: "The Taxi Driver."

Star Theatre: "Satan in Sables."

Dick Norton and his "Globe Trotters" in "Scenes and Screens," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Principal Mails: Inward: Europe via Negapatnam, letters (Hector).

Friday.

Annual Distribution of Prizes at Queen's College by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), 11 a.m.

Second Round of U.S.R.C. Tennis Tournament (open events) to be completed.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.

Annual meeting Cymdeithas Dewi Sant (Hong Kong St. David's Society), Mr. D. J. Lewis, office, Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, 4.30 p.m.

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Saturday.

Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m.

Distribution of prizes at Ellis Knickerbocker School by the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, 10.30 a.m.

Fanning Hunt: Meet at Mrs. Hartford's Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

Entries close for Hong Kong Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

Entries close for Colony's Chess Championship.

Yachting: 7th Championship race for racing yachts.

Cricket League: Division I: University v. Chinese R.C.; Craigie v. C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; I.R.C. v. Royal Navy.

Division II: Royal Navy v. Civil Service C.C. and XI.; Kowloon C.C. v. R.E.

Friendly Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; H.M.S. Tamara v. H.K.C.C. and XI.; Club de Recreio v. University and XI.

Football-Interpret Eleven v. "The Rest." League: Division II. "A." v. K.O.S.B. v. South China "B." v. Kowloon v. St. Joseph's; Royal Artillery v. Club; University v. Recreio; Chinese Athletic v. South China "A."

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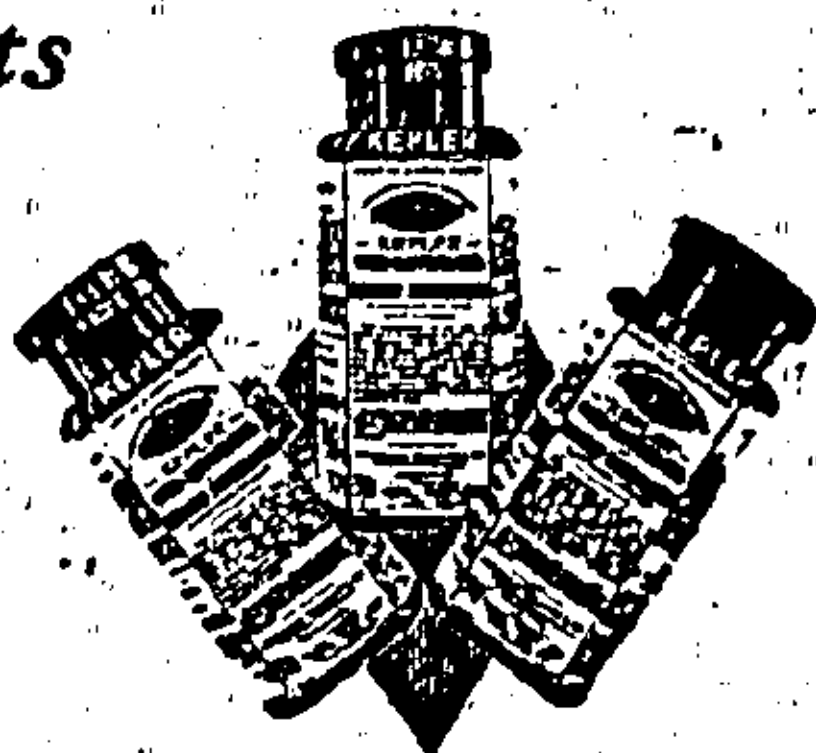
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## LEASES IN C.E.R. AREA.

### RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN MORTGAGES REFUSED.

#### CONSULS DISCUSS TANGLE.

TOKYO, December 23rd.

Another entanglement in the Chinese situation has resulted from the announcement by Chinese authorities at Changchun that mortgages which have been obtained by foreigners on leases in the China Eastern Railway zone will not be recognised by the Chinese courts.

Simultaneously it was announced that the re-registration of land transfers, with which the mortgages are distinctly related, shall be made with the Railway Zone Bureau before June, 1929.

The Foreign Office in Tokyo has been informed of this, but it was stated yesterday that what action shall be taken has not been decided. The Consular representatives of the different Powers had met at Harbin to discuss the new situation, but the only action that could be taken was the decision to refer the matter to the different Ministers at Peking asking for instructions. It was reported that the Japanese representative declared he first would confer with financial leaders and property owners involved.

#### Terms Of The Leases.

As all land in the C.E.R. area is leased either in the name of the Government or the railway or whatever institution in its control, with leases running usually for 99 years, the sale and mortgage of land has been undertaken exactly the same as it would be if the land were directly owned.

However, recognition of the mortgages by Chinese courts is a different matter, and when registration, which is frequent, comes up, whether a man's mortgage is recognised or not has everything to do with who pays the taxes involved.

#### Chinese Law To Prevail.

The new Chinese regulations insist that all legal procedure in that entire area should be done in accordance with Chinese law, and that the holders of leases shall be required to have lived there for more than five years, engaging in occupations to sustain their livelihood. The holders of leases must be municipal rate-payers, it also was insisted.

This is basically part of the movement throughout China to regain all power lost to other nations, but the question of taxation and the question of taking action against certain nationalities through this procedure also arises, said one authority, while the Foreign Office declared there was no indication that this was directed against Koreans or any other single nationality.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO SIR PETER GRAIN.

#### APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION OF THE BAR.

#### HONOUR FOR SHANGHAI COURT.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 7th.  
 A most pleasing ceremony was arranged in the Supreme Court yesterday morning. In the presence of many members of the British Bar, the Crown Advocate, Mr. A. G. Mossop, on behalf of the Bar, tendered the congratulations of that body to his Honour Judge Sir Peter Grain upon the Knight-hood recently conferred by His Majesty.

#### His Lordship's Service.

The Crown Advocate said:—"My Lord, before the business of the Court commences this morning it affords me the greatest pleasure on behalf of members of the Bar, to extend to your Lordship our united and sincere congratulations upon your knighthood. It was in the month of June, 1921, that we welcomed your Lordship upon the first occasion of your taking your seat on the bench of this Court. In the intervening years during which we have assisted in the work of this Court, numerous opportunities have been given to each one of us of noting with feelings of appreciation and admiration the very able manner in which the duties of your office have been performed. My Lord, we offer you our sincere congratulations. Mr. R. N. Macleod said:—"My Lord, with your permission I would like to have the pleasure of identifying myself with other members of the Bar with the remarks which have just been made by the Crown Advocate. We endorse every word that has been said and join most heartily in the congratulations offered."

(Continued on next Column.)

## SHANGHAI'S "SIDNEY STREET" AFFAIR.

### KIDNAPPER'S DESPERATE DEFENCE.

#### SOLDIERS AID POLICE WITH GRENADES AND TEAR-GAS.

#### BATTLE FROM AFTERNOON TO DAWN.

SHANGHAI, January 7th.

The most extraordinary story, rivalling London's Sidney Street affair of several years ago, has to be told in connection with a raid on armed kidnappers in the Wayside district last evening, says the N.C. Daily News, in describing the affair of last Friday which has been briefly described in cabled reports. Mills grenades, tear-gas bombs, rifle and revolver fire failed for hours to remove a kidnapper who had sought refuge in the attic of a large Chinese residence near the corner of Chusan Road and Yuhang Road. Capt. R. M. J. Martin was in charge and Capt. E. I. M. Barrett arrived soon after midnight.

It appears that Det.-Sgt. Widdowson and the reserve squad from Gordon Road received information that a wealthy Chinese merchant was being held by kidnappers in a house in an alleyway near Chusan Road. They hastened to the spot and Sub-Insp. Eaton and others broke into the house. The kidnapped man was found in the house and the kidnappers fled upstairs, getting on to the roof. There were three of them. Sub-Insp. Eaton followed and grasped and held one, whilst Chief Insp. Fairbairn shot and wounded another and then secured him. The man was shot through the stomach and lies in a critical condition.

#### Chase Over The Roofs.

The third, who caused all the subsequent trouble, jumped some ten feet from one roof to another and got into an attic. He shot at all who approached him. More reserves were called up and officers and a sergeant from the Northamptonshire arrived with Mills bombs and eight with thrown in. After the third, the explosion from which blew out window sashes and raised beams, a fourth was thrown, and it proved to be a dud. The sergeant was proceeding to throw a fifth, when the man inside the room picked up the unexploded bomb and threw it at the sergeant. Fortunately it did not explode.

#### Tear-Gas Falls.

Three more bombs were thrown in and eleven tear-gas shells, but still the man appeared at the window and shot at the police. The affair commenced at 4.30 p.m. and at 1 a.m. the police still were laying siege, and the man was inside, although it was thought that he must be dead. He fired a shot at 10.30 p.m., since when nothing had been heard from him. All sorts of ruses were employed to get him to show himself. A hat was placed on a stick and pushed round the corner of the window. He did not reply. He was spoken to through a megaphone and told that they would give him five minutes to throw his gun out of the window and surrender. This was at 11.25 p.m.

It was estimated that some hundreds of shots were fired through the floor of the attic and the kidnapper returned fired about twenty shots from what is thought to be a small calibre revolver.

#### Saving Men's Lives.

At 1.15 a.m. a searchlight was taken to the upper floor of an adjoining house and played into the attic in which the man was, but he could not be seen and again it was argued that he must be dead. Several police officers again volunteered to enter the room, but Capt. Barrett refused to allow the risk and definitely decided that further operations would be suspended until daylight. Police officers say that it is the most daring resistance put up by a robber in their experience.

#### A Host Of Friends.

His Lordship in the course of his reply said:—"Mr. Crown Advocate and gentlemen of the Bar, the honour which His Majesty the King has conferred upon me has given me the very greatest pleasure chiefly for two reasons. In the first place it is an honour conferred upon this Court, and in the second place, the congratulations of my friends have given me extreme pleasure. I cannot name amongst you in 1921 and I did not know a single individual in Shanghai. I did not realize until the last few days what a host of friends I have, and I do thank them all and I thank you gentlemen for what you have said."

After a short adjournment, the Court resumed its normal business.

## POPULAR'S RATES.

### STILL FAR TOO HIGH.

#### 25s. IN THE POUND LAST YEAR.

Alarm at the continued high expenditure of Popular Board of Guardians was expressed when Messrs. Westwood and Co., rate-payers in the Union, protested before Mr. Clement Gibson, district auditor, at Upper North-street, Poplar.

"Popular rates for 1927 were 25s. in the £ and without the rate relief, which came from neighbours out of the Metropolitan Common Poor Law Fund, they would actually be 35s. 6d. in the £," said Mr. W. B. Keene, chartered accountant, appearing on behalf of the firm.

"In Poplar one person in every six is in receipt of out-relief. That is the highest percentage in the country. The ratepayers feel that relief has been granted on too generous a scale, and has been given in many cases without proper inquiry into the circumstances of the applicants."

#### "Extravagance."

"They also feel that the general expenditure of the Guardians has been too extravagant, and that there is too high a percentage of the more highly paid officials. The work might be done quite as efficiently by officials of not so high a status receiving a lower remuneration."

The figures as to the Guardians' expenditure are both startling and alarming. The auditor, in reply, said that he had made several suggestions to the Guardians regarding the granting of outdoor relief. Practical effect was being given to these.

The figures for 1927 showed a decrease of 4,006 persons relieved at a decreased cost of £2,118.

#### Lower Wages.

The Board had already taken 207 long period cases off the relief list, and had promised to give all cases their careful scrutiny. A scheme for the reduction of the wages of their employees would involve £3,100 a year.

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## THE SINGAPORE BASE.

A VAST UNDERTAKING.

DOOR OF EAST AND WEST.

[BY NELLIE M. SCANLAN.]

I have been fortunate enough, on my way from New Zealand, to be allowed to visit the site of the new naval base at Singapore. The recent letting of the contract for its construction for \$9,000,000, has transferred the scheme from the realm of possibility to probability. Work already has begun; it was, in fact, started a couple of years ago, but that represented largely the necessary preliminaries to enable the contractors more accurately to estimate the cost of this gigantic undertaking.

What comprises a modern naval base? There is to be a dockyard and a floating dock. The latter is now being built in England, and the remaining sections will shortly be ready to be towed out. There are to be several tank farms for storing oil. Some of these rise above ground, others will be under the surface. They are to have, when complete, a storage capacity of about one and a quarter million tons of oil—a sufficient fuel supply for about six months. Singapore has a naval wireless station, but a more powerful one is now to be erected at the base, that will be capable of keeping in touch with the Admiralty in London during the whole twenty-four hours of the day. As the trend of modern warfare is towards the air, very complete aviation equipment is essential.

The Island of Singapore is flat, lacking any great elevation for the mounting of defensive guns of long range. The fortifications are on small but lofty islets, which have commanding positions. "Hong Kong, our present base in the East, is not impregnable. It is hoped to make Singapore base proof against any attack. New Zealand has rather generously contributed \$1,000,000 towards the expenditure, despite the need of money for her own development; Australia, though not making a direct contribution, is also very interested. It was as special correspondent for a big group of New Zealand and Australian newspapers that I went to Singapore a few weeks ago to learn all I could of the Naval base. Through the courtesy of the Naval Commander I was shown all over the ground, being the first Press representative, I believe, to enjoy that privilege.

## Fourth Largest Empire Port.

You could almost kick your hat from Singapore to the Equator. That is how far it is, and you can imagine the heat! Singapore is an island at the end of that long pendant of land comprising the States of Malaya. It is divided from Johore by the Straits of Johore, but a causeway now bridges the Straits, and affords direct road and rail communication with the mainland. It is on the Straits of Johore, between the island and the mainland, that the Naval base is being built.

Except London, Liverpool, and Hong Kong, Singapore is now the largest port in the Empire. It occupies the key position, being five days from India on the side, and five days from Hong Kong on the other. Borneo, Sumatra, and other islands of considerable size and great natural wealth lie close at hand, and Java, with its 36,000,000 inhabitants, under Dutch rule, is only twenty-four hours' journey away. Singapore is on the busiest ocean highway in the world. The sea is almost perpetually calm, except when a "sumatra" blows off the island of that name, or some isolated storm which is blue water.

Coming into Singapore from the European side one sees a wonderfully beautiful picture in the early morning, or when sailing out in the evening. There are numbers of islands with a fringe of forest and jungle to the water's edge. Groups of buildings can be made out on the larger islands, the headquarters of some industry connected with their products—rubber, oil, tin. If you look very closely you may see the suggestion of big gums mounted among the forest growth. "What we have here," they seem to say, "There is a signal station in the centre of the town, on a little knoll. I have watched with amazement the strings of flags that are being run up and down all day long signalling the arrival of ships. Often the station looks as if decorated for a festival.

## Ships of All Nations.

The big, important liners come up to the wharf to load and discharge, but most of the vessels never berth. They lie out in the roads, dozens and dozens of them, of every shape and nationality. These ships are loaded and unloaded by Chinese sampans and junks. The cost of handling cargo by means of junks and sampans is much cheaper than paying wharfers and other dues, and coloured labour is cheap. Always

(Continued on next Column.)

## GIRL ARTISTS' TRIUMPH.

CHIEF R.A. PRIZES WON FROM MEN.

TEN "FIRSTS."

London, December 13th.

Girl students at the Royal Academy schools have achieved an overwhelming triumph in the examinations, the results of which were announced yesterday, by winning ten out of seventeen first prizes.

The most important prize, the R.A. Gold Medal and Edward Stott Travelling Studentship (value £200) was won by Miss Marjorie Brooks, a twenty-three-year-old Hornsey girl.

Miss Brooks, a tall, slim girl, is golden haired and extremely pretty. It is the first time she has competed for the medal; for she has taken only two years of the five-year course. She was greatly excited and surprised at her success.

The subject set was a painting of a scene entitled "Work." Most of the students had painted workmen—navvies, builders, and engineers. Miss Brooks' picture of women making bullet frocks was dainty and yet expressed the tiring toil and feverish haste of the drab-clothed women.

## Mother As A Model.

"I did not choose that expression of 'Work' with any idea of being original," she said to a press representative. "I chose it because I should have had to hire models if I had painted navvies, and I could not afford them. My mother and sister were my models."

The most valuable prize in the sculpture section, the R.A. Gold Medal and Edward Stott Travelling Studentship (£200), was won by a girl, Miss Lilian Everdell, Birch, and Miss Alice Bertha Tiffin won two firsts, one for a model of a design "Elijah Raising the Widow's Son," and the other for a set of three models of a figure from the life.

you can tell a Chinese sampan or junk, because it has an eye painted on either side of the bow in order that the craft may see at night. "No eye, no see; no can see, no can go"—that is the Chinese simple explanation.

Lying out in the roadstead, in the brilliant tropical sunshine, are luxurious passenger ships flying the British flag; American round-the-world tourist steamers, with peregrinating millionaires of more or less importance; white Dutch packets, trim and neat; Japanese ships flying the "Rising Sun"; German, Danish, Norwegian, French, Italian—all their flags are flying. Battered old cargo tramps and freighters from many seas; little coastal tugs, and smart ferry boats that do fifteen knots up to Penang; a few yachts; launches, chugging impatiently among the clumsy junks that move like elephants, and myriads of sampans that swarm round the bigger vessels like flies round a carcass—all these are there.

Fleets of fishing boats, with their brown sails patched and mended and multicoloured, gleam in the setting sun like autumn leaves. Red funnels, blue funnels, black and white funnels, and the double funnel of the Dutch boats. No port in the world can show more varied shipping. It is not hedged in or hidden among wharves and stores or "godowns," but lies peacefully at anchor in a sea of shimmering, dazzling blue, under a blazing tropical sun, and with scarcely enough breeze to flutter a blue Peter. That is Singapore.

## Australia's Part.

Australia, unlike New Zealand, is not making any direct payment to the Singapore Base. It will be remembered, however, that Australia was considering a contribution to this project when the decision of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Labour Government to abandon the scheme led to a change of plans. The Commonwealth is acutely aware of her unprotected position in the Pacific. With an effective naval base at her back, holding the key to the door between East and West, she would have enjoyed a large measure of security. Left, as she considered, insufficiently defended, she decided to increase her own naval strength, and placed an order for several new cruisers. When the present Baldwin Government revived the project for the base, Australia found herself committed to her own programme of naval expansion, and felt that this must be her contribution to increased naval efficiency.

The naval base does not face the open sea. It is on the eastern side of the Causeway—that is, the side nearest China. There is a distance of six or seven miles between the naval dock and base and the slipways for the seaplanes and the aviation field. A wide river also divides the two sites, but this is to be bridged. All this land which is now so actively being transformed was a short time ago covered with coconut palms, swamps infested with mosquitoes and forests of mangroves, growing in foul black, slimy mud washed down on the edge of the sea, where crocodiles and snakes were the only inhabitants besides the ubiquitous mosquito.

## THE LONDON FIRE-MEN'S LOT.

HANDYMEN OF LONDON.

VARIED RESCUE WORK.

LONDON.

The firemen's lot is a very varied one, and the members of the brigade might dispute with success the title of handyman of London. Many are the tasks they undertake in moments of leisure between responding to the calls proper to their avocation, rendering services unasked for by the million. During the past two months, for example, the extraneous duties they have undertaken included:

Rescuing drowning persons from the Thames.  
Rescuing persons in danger in sewers, canals, and collapsed buildings.  
Assisting in the capture of criminals and lunatics.  
Attempting to reach a cat in a tall tree.

The last-named case was unusual even in a force to which the unusual is a convention. It occurred in Humber-road, Blackheath. Pussy had climbed a very high tree, and for four days its plaintive mewings had attracted the notice of passers-by, but all their efforts to induce it to descend were unsuccessful. Attempts to reach the animal were unavailing, and so, at last, a fire escape was sent for. Firemen were soon up in the branches, but as the rescuers approached so the cat retreated. Finally an inspector of the R.S.P.C.A. had to be summoned to destroy the cat that would not be saved.

Since the establishment of the river station at Blackfriars, the firemen on duty there have answered no fewer than 100 calls from persons in difficulty in the river, and have been instrumental in saving many lives, often at the risk of their own. Early in October two firemen attempted, unsuccessfully, to rescue a young man who had jumped into the water at high tide. The first fireman himself got into difficulties. The other was an indifferent swimmer, but he went to his comrade's aid in the most plucky manner, and supported him until a boat approached. A week previously a similar rescue was attempted, and men at the other river stations have performed similar tasks.

Among other calls the Chelsea firemen succoured a child whose head was pinned between iron railings in the King's-road. City men rescued a man pinned under an overturned horse-drawn van in West Smithfield. Firemen rendered meritorious service at Battersea Bridge, where a collapse of scaffolding led to the loss of several lives, and at Addison-avenue, Nottingham, where three men were overcome by gas fumes in a high-tension electric inspection chamber. Firemen were called in following the collapse of a crane at a building in Upper Holloway, when a man was jammed in a lift at Stamford-street S.W., when during the gale a brick wall collapsed at Compton-avenue, Canonbury-park. Several calls were received from business premises following leakage of ammonia, sulphuric acid, nitric acid, and methyl chloride.

Other tasks which, from time to time, the resourceful men of the brigade cheerfully undertook, included the replenishing of tanks on the roofs of large buildings, and the pumping out of flooded basements; dismantling dangerous structures or structures on high buildings, or in other dangerous positions; the rescue of people from sewers, canals, collapsed buildings, fallen cranes and machinery, trapped in lifts, caught in balustrading, and the removing of bodies crushed or mutilated in machinery, wedged in lifts, and fallen from windows. Horses which have fallen into areas down steps, or are in other difficult positions have been rescued. In addition to these multifarious duties the brigade have been called upon to assist the police to capture lunatics—some of them armed—on roofs, and in the capture of burglars, a task not easily faced in many instances, but one to which there is ever a ready response when the occasion demands.

## EASTBOURNE SKULL MYSTERY SOLVED.

BONES HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD.

Eastbourne.

Fears that another tragedy of the Crumley had come to light, following the discovery of a man's skull and some bones, have been set at rest.

The bones were examined by the Rev. W. Budgen, a noted archaeologist, who stated that they were hundreds of years old, dating probably from Saxon times.

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## "STALIN'S BRAIN-LESS POLICY."

TROTSKY'S DENUNCIATION.

CREATOR OF RED ARMY LIVING "UNDERGROUND."

BERLIN.  
"The dictatorship of the proletariat (in Russia) has degenerated into the personal régime of the ruling clique, which has deprived the working class of freedom of speech and assembly and the professional defence of its class interests."

This brief and trenchant description of the situation which has existed in Russia during the past few years is not an extract from a leading article of a monarchist paper in a "capitalist country," but comes from no less competent an authority than Leo Trotsky, and was expressed by him in the course of conversation with a correspondent of the *Rail*. With a clearness of vision that has come with exclusion from the sweets of power and office, he continued:

The Russian workmen who made and defended the Revolution on the barricades are compelled for a miserable pittance to work nine and ten hours a day. That cannot be borne any longer and is the reason for the chief demand of the

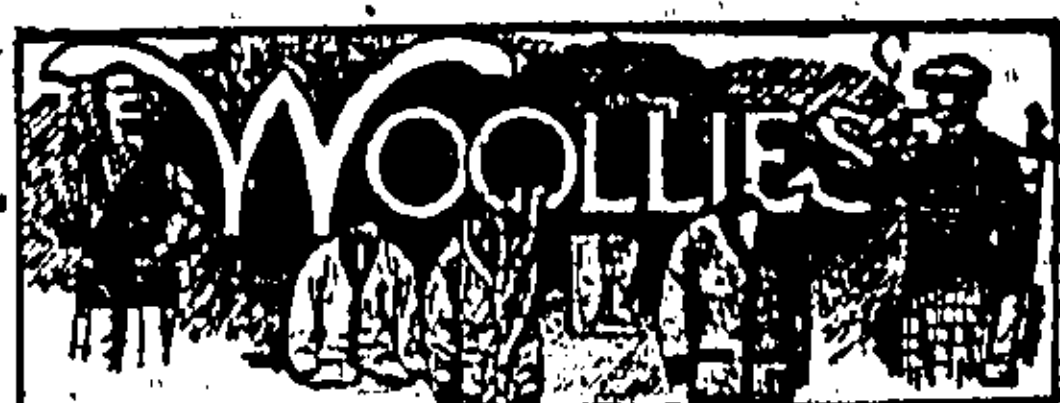
Opposition, namely, the democratisation of the Communist party and the restoration of freedom to the working class. That is all that matters to us. And until the personal dictatorship of Stalin and his clique is destroyed we will not suspend the struggle.

## Chicherin's Failure.

"Through the spectacles of the Opposition Trotsky also sees the foreign position of Bolshevik Russia in very dark colours. He said: 'While Stalin's brainless policy has brought the country to economic catastrophe, the foreign policy of Chicherin has suffered a complete fiasco. He has failed to win the confidence of the capitalists and obtain credits from them. But the entire new economic policy was to be based on the assistance of foreign capital. Capitalists have proved to be less naive than our diplomatists. While continually raising our hopes with promises of credits they have made use of the armistice declared by us to strengthen their positions, with the result that in the end the Soviet Government was economically isolated. That means the same old dilemma—either a Socialistic federation or a capitalistic Europe. The promised collaboration has proved impracticable.'

The correspondent states that Trotsky, fearing the summary processes of the O.G.P.U., has for some time past been living "underground." He appears at meetings of his adherents, no one knows whether. Although he has no home of his own, there are hundreds of dwellings where he is still beyond reach of the O.G.P.U."





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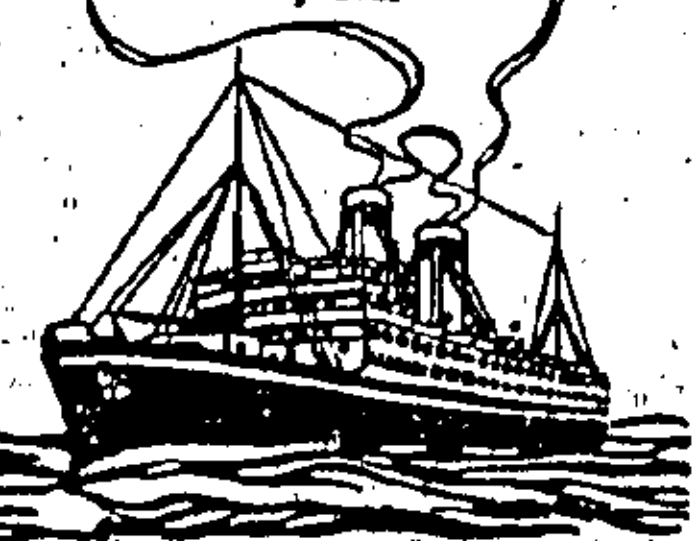
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## BIG FIRE AT TIENTSIN.

FIRE BRIGADES OF ALL  
NATIONS.

VAST QUANTITIES OF OIL  
DESTROYED.

The most spectacular fire in the history of Tientsin broke out on Christmas Eve on the premises of the Standard Oil Company of New York, situated on the quay of the Ex-Russian and Ex-Belgian Concessions, where vast quantities of wax, kerosene oil, gasoline, and other highly inflammable materials are stored.

The outbreak was first noticed about a quarter to eleven in the morning by Chinese employees of the Company and the alarm was raised at once, but within a few minutes of its discovery the conflagration had reached tremendous proportions. The foreign staff arrived at once and every endeavour was used to wrestle with the flames without delay, but the whole of the Company's fire-fighting appliances, including the fire-engine, were involved in the blaze before they could be utilised. Urgent messages were sent out for all the fire brigades in the town, and one by one, the Third Special Area, the B.M.C., the Italian, the French, the First Special Area and the Japanese Brigades came upon the scene. Short as this period was, by the time the Brigades had arrived the fire had become a colossal furnace and had attracted thousands of spectators from all quarters of Tientsin and the surrounding district.

Great Column Of Smoke And  
Flame.

An enormous column of thick black smoke, intermingled with huge sheets of flames, rose in the sky and tens of thousands of people collected on the ex-German Bund opposite to witness the appalling sight. The heat was terrific and people on the opposite side of the river had their faces almost scorched by the flames which were leaping skywards. The brick-faced buildings at the north-west corner of the Company's installation, where the fire apparently originated, blazed with a tremendous fury and the people on the ex-German Bund saw with excited thrills the crashing-in of roofs and walls and the great tongues of flames which leapt through the broken window-spaces.

Immediately the Brigades arrived, it was realised that the confinement of the conflagration to the buildings, which were already on fire, was the only logical method of procedure, and this was the course adopted. Fortunately, the wind was blowing the smoke and flames in a northerly direction, away from the other large kerosene storage godowns, otherwise the entire installation would have been rapidly involved and this would also have meant the explosion of a huge gasoline store and possibly a further extension to the large oil-tanks across the Nicolai Road—an almost inconceivable disaster.

Burning All Christmas Day.

The fire continued to burn all Christmas Day, although in a much diminished form. The fire-fighters kept steadily at their task until it was definitely under control.

The wind-blowing somewhat variable on Christmas Day, the smoke was blown in many directions and in place of the great column of dense black fumes, a heavy pall hung over the south portion of the town.

The Damage.

It is impossible at this early date to give a close estimate of the damage done but it is roughly considered to be in the neighbourhood of Gold \$1,000,000. Sixty thousand tons of kerosene and a vast quantity of wax and other products were destroyed.

## H.M.S. "HAWKINS" TO VISIT MANILA.

H.M.S. *Hawkins*, flagship of Admiral Sir Reginald V. Tyrwhitt, will arrive in Manila for a short visit on February 2nd.

The usual port courtesies will be extended to the visiting Admiral and the British community is preparing a fitting reception. The cruiser will leave Manila on February 8th.

## MACAO PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

Interest in the Macao Exhibition of photographs continues unabated. A case has been received from Shanghai containing some splendid examples of the photographic art. From Hong Kong pictures of all kinds arrive. Photographic work is well represented, but paintings have also been received. The number of pictures of historical interest is not large as was at first expected, but among them are many of very great interest to the Portuguese.

## THE C.M.S. ORPHAN- AGE.

RESCUE WORK AND  
EDUCATION.

YESTERDAY'S PRIZE GIVING  
AND ENTERTAINMENT.

A large number of well-wishers of the C.M.S. Victoria Home and Orphanage, Kowloon City, were present yesterday afternoon, when the report for 1927 was presented by the Rev. C. I. Blachett, Secretary of the Church Missionary Society for South China, and Mrs. C. C. Luard gave away the prizes.

The Chinese girls and boys of the Home provided a variety of entertainment which received hearty applause from the audience. Some of those taking part were tiny children and the way they performed their parts reflected great credit on the training given by Miss M. A. Jennings, Miss N. Smith and their assistants. An amusing item was given by six small boys who appeared as policemen. In the ensemble "Butterflies" the small girls danced very well. Another item entitled "Coming from afar" was well received, a large number of girls taking part in dresses of various nations and testifying to the kindness they had received from the missionaries.

The Rev. C. I. Blachett in the course of an address compared the chaotic conditions in Kwangtung with the peace and happiness experienced in Hong Kong, and he said that everyone in the Colony ought to be grateful for the shelter afforded to them and for the good work done in such an institution as this which was respected not only in Hong Kong but in other parts of China.

The chairman referred to gifts of a gramophone and records to the Pakhoi Hospital, and he was very pleased to learn of the recreation and mental refreshment derived by the inmates from the music.

After mentioning the good work done in the institution and congratulating those in charge on the progress made from year to year, the chairman appealed for help, saying that every dollar contributed helped in extending the Church of God and improving the social conditions of the Chinese in Hong Kong.

In conclusion he said that industrial development was the great need in China, and he hoped that some assistance would be given to teach the boys and girls industrial work. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Luard and other friends for the interest and sympathy shown by them in the work of the Home.

After the distribution of prizes, Mrs. Luard said that she was pleased to see how happy and good the children were in all that they did. She was much impressed with the fact that the children all had good marks and no bad ones, and she congratulated Miss Jennings on the wonderful progress made by the institution.

A very pleasing ceremony was performed when Dr. J. E. Dovey was invited to come near the stage. In a few well chosen words in Chinese, little girl expressed gratitude for his great services when the inmates were sick and asked him to accept as a small token a cushion made by the girls of the institution.

In reply, Dr. Dovey said that he loved the children and desired to see them well. He thanked them for the gift which he would keep in a prominent place to remind him of the givers.

A sale of woollen and embroidered articles made by the Y.W.C.A. of the Home took place and tea was served to the gathering present.

THE REPORT FOR 1927.

The report stated *inter alia* that the year under review has not been without difficulties.

Two difficult problems beset us at the beginning of our first term. Menstrual broke out, with complications of pneumonia, and having no isolation-room (a tremendous need here) Dr. J. E. Dovey came to our rescue and sent the patients off to hospital. Here again we met with nothing but kindness on the part of Dr. K. W. Ip, who had beds prepared for the eight patients.

We lost one little one from double pneumonia. Every confidence had been placed in the doctor's treatment by injection, which necessitated perfect rest, but the mother of the child, not bearing to see the child lying so still, insisted upon nursing her, with the result, that the only chance of life was in this manner ignorantly refused the little one, and thus she passed away.

Already there are evidences of improvement in the general health and appearance of the children, owing to there being more bed-space and a healthier atmosphere.

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## MACAO'S NEW HOTEL.

ALL MODERN COMFORTS AND  
CONVENIENCES.

BEAUTIFUL ORIENTAL ROOM.

With the opening of the Hotel Riviera on Sunday (January 15th), Macao will be in the proud position of having one of the finest hotels in South China. Quite a formal ceremonial has been arranged and the Governor of Macao will declare the place open to the public.

This hotel owes its inception to the energy of the late Mr. Loo Lim Yok, who planned it in the most up to date manner. At his death the work was carried on by his brother, Mr. Loo Huen Cheong, with the expert advice of Mr. J. P. Bourne, of the Hong Kong Hotel.

The Hong Kong architects, Messrs. Palmer & Turner, executed the plans, and most of the decorations have been entrusted to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., of Hong Kong. No expense has been spared and the fact that there are baths for each room shows the scale on which things have been done.

The cutlery and silverware are from Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., while the linen and crockery have been purchased from Messrs. Albert Dick & Co., of Chicago.

On the ground floor are the lounge and dining room and a room which will be of interest to visitors is the Oriental Room, finished in lacquer and furnished in blackwood and Chinese curios.

The rates in this hotel will compare favourably with any similarly equipped hotel in the East, and an orchestra for dinner and tea dances has been engaged from Manila.

In the following ways we were enabled to reduce our numbers. A few of the small ones were adopted by Christian people, who made a written agreement, promising to treat them as their own, to give them a Christian education, after which they are to be trained as nurses and midwives, or given in Christian marriages.

Some of the older girls, unfitted to become teachers, are in private Christian homes, also considered as members of the family, and being taught to become generally useful in household work.

Rescues From Vice And Slavery.

The Home supplies a very real need, not only for the fatherless and those unable to pay the higher fees of other schools, but a place of security for the helpless little ones rescued from off the streets, from houses of ill-fame and from slavery.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs after handling the cases brought under his notice, sends to the Home all whom we are able to receive. Many of them have been so ill-treated and neglected, that physical examination is necessary, followed by months of careful treatment for diseases both external and internal.

During the year thirteen little ones have been received here. Mei Ying, with her two sisters, Hop-I and Sun-I, was sent here by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. He rescued them from a woman, not their mother, who was bringing them up for immoral purposes.

Chun Lau, aged eight, was sent to us from the same source. She was a slave, having been sold by her parents, and had to wash clothes for nine people. Her mistress beat her on the head and burnt her face. A policeman found her in the street crying, having run away from her mistress, and took her to the Detention Home. She was afterwards sent to us.

Sold By Step Mother.  
Fuk-I, aged thirteen, lost her mother when she was quite small. Her father married again, and this second wife not wanting the child, secretly sold her. The father found her and took her to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who gave her into our charge.

Net-Ying, aged twelve years, was one of a family of nine. The father died, and the mother being delicate gave her to a relation who kept an immoral house. One night at 12 p.m. it was raided by the police, and a man, Net-Ying, and another child were taken, the former to the police station and the two girls to the Detention Home.

It was proved that these two girls were being used as decoys. The woman was banished from the Colony and the two girls placed safely with us.

Great care and watchfulness is necessary on the part of all, for should these children be traced here there is the danger of their being lured away. We have already had one experience of that.

Every child entering the Home has an opportunity for obtaining a vernacular education, equal to that in the Government schools. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Minett, to the doctors, matrons and nurses of the Kowloon, Kwong Wah, Nethersole and Government Civil Hospitals for caring for our little sick ones, and to Dr. F. Thompson for his dental attention.

## MANILA STRIKE SETTLED.

SLIGHT WAGES INCREASE  
FOR STEVEDORES.

WORK ON PIERS NOT  
HELD UP.

MANILA, Jan. 6th.

Meeting each other half-way and mutually acceding to demands made by each, both parties involved in the land "stevedores" strike reached a settlement this morning at the office of Director Cruz of the Bureau of Labour. One hundred and sixty men walked out yesterday morning and walked in again to-day to resume their regular work. The Luzon Brokerage Company, the firm affected by the strike, suffered no serious losses on account of a day's temporary cessation of activities.

The strike came to a settlement after the signing of a contract binding both parties for a period of one year. The contract principally provides a new scale of wages slightly higher than that at first sought to be enforced by the Luzon Brokerage Company and which was the cause of the strike. Under the new agreement the labourers will get P1.60 a day on regular days and P3 a day on Sundays and holidays. The bosses or capatazes will receive P4.50 a day on regular days and P6 a day on Sundays and holidays. The men will also get 40 centavos an hour for overtime work, and the bosses 30 centavos.

There is very little difference between the new scale of wages provided for in the new contract, and that sought to be introduced by the Luzon Brokerage Company.

Another provision of the contract is, that in case of any dispute between the workmen and the employers of the trucks arising from the discharge of their respective duties, Mr. Cresap will act as the sole arbitrator with powers to settle the matter. This provision is regarded as highly favourable to the brokerage firm.

Business As Usual.

Mr. Cresap told the *Manila Times* that his business is running smoothly as usual, all the men having returned to work. It was explained that only about 50 men at first walked out, but the rest refused to work on account of threats of violence made by those who walked out. Hence, the apparently large number of strikers.

An official of the firm denied that work at the piers was paralyzed as a result of the strike. The strike did not affect stevedores working on vessels docked at the piers.—*Manila Times*.

## HONOUR FOR MACAO POLICE FORCE.

COLOURS PRESENTED BY THE  
GOVERNOR.

At Macao on New Year's Day, in the morning, a flag to be regarded as colours for the force was blessed and handed to the Macao Police Force. It was given by a number of private persons and Macao business establishments as a mark of appreciation for the services rendered by that fine body of men for many years and is a public recognition of the fact that since the force was brought up to its present state of efficiency, some years ago, here has been practically no serious crime.

The ceremony of blessing the colours was carried out by His Lordship Dom José da Costa Nunes, Bishop of Macao, after which the flag was handed to the Commissioner of the Macao Police Force by H.E. the Governor, Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, who addressed a few words to the Commissioner, Capt. José Guerrero de Andrade.

The President of the Municipal Council, Mr. Damiao Rodrigues also spoke. Captain Andrade, on behalf of the Macao Police, suitably replied.

Under command of Captain Frederico Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa, Chief of the Police Services, the police then marched away with the new colours, to the accompaniment of music played by the Macao Constabulary Band.

The flag which is made of silk and is heavily embroidered in gold and silver, and was the work of the Sisters of the Conception Institute at Macao.



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THE CHINESE Y.W.C.A.

YESTERDAY'S SOCIAL  
GATHERING.

WORK OF THE CLASSES  
PRAISED.

Yesterday afternoon a social gathering for The Y.W.C.A. educational classes was held at The Association Building on No. 127, Caine Road, when a programme of music and demonstrations of work by the various classes was carried out.

Before Mr. Ralphs presented the certificates won at the various classes, he gave a short talk in which he greatly emphasized the value of the type of educational work which is being done in The Y.W.C.A. He congratulated the girls in the First Aid and Home Nursing classes, who took part in the demonstrations, for their good work. He was very glad that The Association had organized a new Nursing Division of The St. Johns Ambulance Brigade. Girls who become members of such a Division, put themselves in a position to serve the community as well as the home.

Forty-one certificates were presented. Twenty-four for First Aid, twelve for Home Nursing and five for third year First Aid.

At the close of the program, refreshments which had been prepared by members of The Chinese and Foreign Cooking Classes were served, and seemed to be greatly enjoyed by the guests.

About one hundred and twenty people were present.

## PHILIPPINE COASTAL TRADE.

NEW DEVELOPMENT  
PLANNED.

MANILA, Jan. 6th.  
Swayne and Hoy, Incorporated, Manila agents for 19 United States Shipping Board vessels, are planning to purchase new vessels to be placed on the Philippine coastwise trade and thus avail themselves of the advantages offered by the new shipping law in the islands, it was learned to-day from reliable sources. The new vessels are expected to be acquired about the middle of this year, and the actual operation will begin shortly after.

The firm, it is understood, will at first devote attention to the transportation of Philippine lumber, and for his reason only vessels with a minimum capacity of 1,000,000 board feet of lumber will be put in the service. Other branches of the interland trade will receive attention in due time, it was learned, including, perhaps, passenger transportation.—*Manila Times*.



## IRONSIDES' RETREAT CONTINUES.

THE UNPOPULARITY OF WANG CHING WEI.

CENTRAL BANK NOTES RALLYING.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

A Canton official communiqué regarding the campaign against the 4th Army Corps states that the Army of the 5th Route (Kwangsi troops), has recaptured Chikun District from the retreating Kwangtung forces. In the East River sector, it is claimed that the divisions under Generals Sit Ngok, Ng Ki Wai, Wong Chen Kau, and others have offered to surrender, on condition that they and their followers are re-enlisted into the service of Canton.

It is reported that General Ching Chien and General Pei Tsung Hsi, the pro-Kwangsi commanders of troops in the upper and central Yangtze districts, have demanded the expulsion of Mr. Wang Ching Wei from the Kuomintang. The Kuomintang Executive Committee of Kwangsi has also demanded the arrest and punishment of Wang Ching Wei and his followers. For the time being Mr. Wang Ching Wei is abroad, and leading members of his party are in Shanghai.

The Central Bank of China in Canton was ordered on Tuesday by the acting Commissioner of Finance of Kwangtung to resume business. So far, however, the Bank has not yet opened to public business. Since the report of a possible loan from outside and the willingness of the local merchants to consider a request from the Authorities for another \$10,000,000 loan its notes have commanded higher value, although still far off par.

The Administration is working very hard to procure \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 before Chinese New Year.

## SEAMEN AND LIGHTER MEN AT LOGGER HEADS.

Working of cargo in Canton Harbour is being interfered with these few days on account of a dispute between seamen and the lighter-men. The Seamen's Union wants to include the lighter-men who have formed a union called the Pok Teoi. The Pok Teoi Union is now under a cloud and it is said that the seamen want to have the lighter-men incorporated with them. The latter have so far failed to see the necessity for this. The shipping agencies in Canton and the importers and exporters are now doing their best to mediate and believe that the difficulty will be overcome in a day or two.

## MR. C. E. L. CRIST ADMITTED AS SOLICITOR.

A NAME WELL-KNOWN IN THE COMMUNITY.

At the Supreme Court yesterday morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan), Mr. C. E. L. Crist, son of Mr. E. J. Crist, a former well-known local solicitor now residing at Home, was admitted to practice in the Colony as a solicitor and proctor.

There were present in the Court Mr. D. E. Black, Mr. J. T. Prior, and Mr. C. S. Hugh-Jones (all of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, with which firm Mr. Crist, junior, was associated), Mr. C. D. McIlbourne, Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., Mr. E. S. C. Brooks and Mr. A. E. Hall, the last four were in Court in connection with another case.

Application for the admission of Mr. Crist was made by the Attorney-General (Sir Joseph Kemp). In making the application, Sir Joseph Kemp said that Mr. Crist was the son of an old and valued friend of many of them, Mr. E. J. Crist, who was admitted to that Court in 1881, and practised among them for many years. Mr. Crist, junior, passed his final examination recently, and a certificate had been obtained showing that he was a fit person to be so admitted.

The Chief Justice said: I have great pleasure in admitting you to be a solicitor and proctor of this Court. You bear a name which is very well known in the community and I am sure the traditions associated with your name will be maintained by you.

Mr. Crist was then warmly congratulated by those present. He served his articles with Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, and has recently returned from Home upon completing his examinations.

## REMEDIOS RETURNS TO GAOL.

UNABLE TO SUPPLY INFORMATION.

COMPANY WANT DETAILS OF PILFERAGE.

A. A. Remedios, formerly of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company, who was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour for the theft of gas covering a period of about three years, was unsuccessful in his plea at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindell for a mitigation of sentence. It will be remembered that Remedios' sentence was stayed after he had served a week in gaol and he was allowed out on bail in order to furnish the Company with information which would lead to the detection of other pilfering. In exchange for this information, the Company promised to support prisoner's plea to have his sentence remitted.

At yesterday's proceedings, Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sr., appearing for the prisoner, said that since Remedios had been released he had given all the necessary information to the Police and to Mr. T. H. King, C.I.D. This information was sent to the Gas Company, who stated that there was nothing new about it.

## Family of Seven Children.

Mr. d'Almada also said that the defendant had told all he knew and had not withheld anything to his shield anyone. It was to his benefit to make a clean breast of everything, as he had seven children to look after, and his imprisonment would mean much suffering for his family.

His Worship: A man would prefer to go to gaol rather than give away his associates. Mr. d'Almada: A father of seven children, whose name is already mud, would hardly wish to go to gaol to save his associates. The people in the Gas Company are not his relations.

Continuing, Mr. d'Almada said that certain filters of the Company who had been dismissed might possibly be in collaboration with others in pilfering gas. It would be impossible for the defendant to know of this, and not knowing the details of the pilferage, the defendant could do no more than he had done for the Company.

Counsel added that the case was entirely in his Worship's hands, but he would once more emphasise that the defendant had not concealed anything and had given all possible details to the Company. Under the circumstances, he would ask the Court to remit the sentence.

## No Help Given.

Mr. T. H. King then told the Court that the Gas Company had been in communication with the Police, who had drawn up a number of questions for the defendant to answer. These were duly put to the prisoner and his answers were written down and sent back to the Company. Mr. Blackburn, manager of the Gas Company then wrote back to the Police saying that the information given by the prisoner contained nothing new and was of no help to the Company. In view of this the Company could not recommend any remission of his sentence.

His Worship: I let the defendant out on bail to see whether he could give the Company such information as might induce them to ask me to reduce the sentence. He has apparently failed to do so, and I therefore sentence him to go back to gaol for a further three weeks.

## FILM COMPANIES SUED.

POSSIBLE ACTION AGAINST H.K. AMUSEMENTS CO.?

The South Asia Film Company and the Hong Kong and Kowloon Film Company were the defendants in a summons brought against them at the Central Magistracy by Insp. Eli's for storing dangerous goods without a permit from the Police.

It was stated that the defendants had their offices at the China Building where they kept a quantity of films. The building was not suitable for the storage of such inflammable goods and no notice had been given to the Police. His Worship pointed out that in the same building was another film company, a very large concern too, viz the Hong Kong Amusement Co., and asked why they had not been summoned as well.

Mr. Lindell added that it seemed very unreasonable to him to proceed against a smaller concern when no action had been taken against a bigger one. He said that he would not impose a fine on the two defendants if no action was taken in respect to the bigger concern. The case was then adjourned until next Wednesday to see what action will be taken against the Hong Kong Amusement Co.

## YAUMATI. BUILDING DISPUTE.

CASE NEARING CONCLUSION.

EXPERT EVIDENCE CALLED.

The dispute between the owner and building contractor with regard to the erection of 15 European-style houses at Yaumati which is the subject of contention in a claim for \$26,287.40 entered upon its final stage yesterday at the Supreme Court.

The evidence for the defence was concluded, and today Mr. F. C. Jenkins and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., will address the Court.

Defendant who had been in the box for over two days, was in the witness box all yesterday morning and for the greater part of the afternoon, when his cross-examination by Mr. Jenkins was concluded. Cross-examination was carried out in great detail.

The Sang Loong contractors, 14, Man Lam Street, Yaumati, are suing the owner of the houses, Lai Siu Ching, 10, Wing Lok Street, for \$28,187.40. Of this amount \$7,000 is claimed as due under the building contract dated January 2nd, 1924, and \$10,187.40 as payment for extra work done in connection with the building of the houses.

The defendant counterclaims for \$8,711.01 as damages for defective and unsatisfactory work and omissions.

It is claimed by the defence that some of the extra work claimed for is not extra work but work ordinarily necessary for the completion of the contract.

Mr. J. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall, is for the plaintiff and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, is defending.

Defendant answering to Mr. Jenkins said that he copied from the plaintiff's book certain items dealing with alleged extra work. He first of all said that the items were faked and he could tell that by looking at them. His real meaning, he afterwards said, was that they were faked because he had never received them.

The first payment he made was \$35,000, but before the final payment of that sum he had advanced money to the plaintiff on account. He went on to give details on this point.

When he made the final payment of that sum he received a report from his Chinese foreman that the work was satisfactory, but on that occasion he did not himself visit the work. He considered that the foreman was a reliable man. Defendant had employed him on one previous occasion.

## Houses Built By A Syndicate.

The houses were promoted by a syndicate composed of himself and friend and the matter of superintending the building was left to his direction. At that time there was a boom in property speculation, and they anticipated making a good profit.

For attending to the building he received a salary of \$30 a month and he visited it sometimes often and sometimes occasionally. Questioned with regard to his salary, the defendant said he got \$30 a month, but he had not received a cent because the venture had failed.

Mr. Jenkins: I see. They are hard up, are they?

Defendant: We have lost even the capital.

Mr. Jenkins: What was the date when the capital disappeared?

Defendant: When I say the capital is gone, I mean that the property has gone down in value by more than 50 per cent.

## The Building Boom.

Mr. Potter commented that there was a big boom at the time. There was, he said, property which was bought for one lakh and sold for six or seven lakhs to his knowledge. That boom was amazing. He believed that some properties were sold two and three times in a day.

Defendant when further cross-examined by Mr. Jenkins, said that he first discovered the doors had not been fitted just before the certificate of occupation was granted. He was told that the buildings were completed, and he went to inspect them, and it was then he made this discovery.

Defendant denied that he had seized on the question of the lack of certain doors as an afterthought in bolstering up his case against the plaintiff.

As regards Coke Breeze he obtained an estimate in August, 1925, from Mr. Pile, this one being the second estimate he obtained for the work.

Mr. Pile also estimated for the cost of replacing the doors, at the request of his (defendant's) solicitors.

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## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

THE FATE OF A MOTOR CAR.

A NEW YEAR'S DAY PARTY.

[BY NOTE-BOOK.]

The daily tour round the Police Courts resulted in "Note Book" getting an interesting story of a motor car, which, after an eventful trip landed here from Canton as scrap iron.

In Major Willson's Court, a young European who had, like many others, sat out to enjoy the birth of 1928, had a little set-to with a Chinese, which resulted in his appearance at Court to answer a charge of assault. The novel feature of this little "free for all" was that the Chinese was twice rendered hors de combat in about half an hour.

## SPURIOUS COINS.

A Chinese woman was charged with having in her possession a quantity of spurious ten-cent pieces and also with uttering them. She was said to have bought a dollar's worth of rice with this bad money. She told the Magistrate, Mr. W. Schofield, that she was a new-comer from Macao. She bought something with a five-dollar note and received those coins from a shop-keeper in exchange.

She was remanded for 48 hours.

## STOLE TO GET MEDICAL TREATMENT.

When a Chinese accountant of the Chung Sing Loong hong was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy with embezzling the sum of \$77.43, money belonging to his employer, the accused said that he had taken the money in order to get medical treatment for his sore eyes. He was only getting \$30 a month and with such a meagre sum, he was unable to get the treatment he needed.

Sentence of four weeks' hard labour was passed.

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In answer to Mr. Potter, defendant said that \$10,000 was due, \$7,000 under the contract, and \$3,000 for Shanghai Plastering, but this he refused to pay because of the quarrel with plaintiff.

## Architect's Evidence.

Mr. O. B. Raven, of the firm of Raven and Baxo, was the next witness called.

In answer to Mr. Potter he said that it was quite clear from the plans that the flush system was intended.

He gave technical evidence as to details of the work and said that from the plans the contractor should know that he had to provide water from wells or from tanks, although wells were not actually marked on the plan, but the flush system should indicate that they were required.

It was usual for wells to be from 15 to 20 feet deep, and this was the average in the particular district referred to in this case. He thought it would have been quite possible for a contractor to have included the cost of wells.

Certain items claimed for extra work, continued witness, were not extra work, as they were incorporated in houses of that kind, and if he had been preparing specifications he would have included them.

Replying to Mr. Jenkins, witness said he never looked at the contract. All he had to go by were the plans.

If defendant had told him that he wished plaintiff to build wells and pump houses he would have prepared plans of them.

Witness added that plans were prepared later. It was not necessary to send plans at that time with regard to pump houses and wells to the Building Authority, as they were not needed until much later.

It was not necessary, he argued, in reply to further questions put by Mr. Jenkins, to show wells and pump houses on the plan, even though there were no specifications, and witness suggested that the reason it was not necessary to show these items on the plan was because W.C.'s were already shown, and this implied that wells and pump houses were required.

Mr. Jenkins: I put it to you that if a building owner tells you he wants the contractor to build wells and pump houses, when there are no specifications you would prepare plans for this purpose?

Witness: Yes. These plans were prepared later. I did not know there were no specifications.

Mr. Jenkins went on to cross-examine witness as to length as to minor details concerning the work. After plaintiff had been recalled by Mr. Jenkins to give formal evidence, His Lordship adjourned the case until this morning. There now remain only the final addresses by Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Potter, and it is expected that the case will be concluded by 11:30 to-day.

## THE FATE OF A BRISCOE FOUR-SEATER.

Up to December 13th, this unfortunate car was reposing in the Wan Ho Tin Garage at Canton. It was a spick and span machine despite the Red upheaval. Then one morning, three Chinese called at the Garage and told the owner of the car that they were staff officers of General Wong Kie Cheung's Fourth Army of "Iron-sides" and had come with the express purpose of commandeering the Briscoe four-seater.

The owner of the car felt unequal to resistance and the three gallants, went away with the vehicle.

Three days after, the car was shipped down to Hong Kong by the Tung On and was taken to the Dragon Garage for repair. But according to expert's evidence the car was in such a condition that it was only worth \$100 as scrap iron.

The owner after tracing the man who brought the car down, reported the matter to the police here with the result that the Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell. He denied the charge and gave the name of another man who, he alleged, brought the car to Hong Kong.

Sub-Inspector Carey said that he had been to see the gentleman named by the accused and found that he was a Chinese Army Officer. He had been requested to attend Court but stood on his dignity as an officer and ignored the request.

The Magistrate issued a subpoena for the appearance of this officer and remanded the accused in police custody.

## A RAISED NOTE.

Alleged to have altered a ten-dollar note into a \$100 one, three Chinese were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield. Mr. P. M. Hodgson appeared for the second defendant, and Mr. D. McCallum represented the third accused.

Evidence was given by a shop-keeper who said that the first defendant went to his shop on January 5th and purchased goods to the value of \$3.35. He paid for this with a \$100 note, and \$81.65 in change was handed to the defendant. Later witness's brother returned to the shop and found that the note was originally a ten-dollar one and that had been altered to \$100.

Two days after, the three defendants went to witness's brother's shop and made some purchases for which they tendered a \$100 in payment. The first victim was immediately sent for to identify the defendants and recognised them as the men who had passed a "raised" note previously.

Evidence from the accountant of the Mercantile Bank of India was to the effect that the note in itself was a genuine one, but the figures had been raised. It was possible to deceive those who are not very familiar with notes.

The case was then adjourned.

## DEATH ENQUIRY.

Mr. W. Schofield sat as Coroner at the Kowloon Magistracy to enquire into the death of a Chinese who was found dead in a house at Kowloon City on November 26th last. The deceased had many wounds on his head and body.

The jury empanelled were: Messrs. J. S. Harris (foreman), H. C. Shrubsole and A. Wyllie.

After evidence had been taken, Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds told the Court that one of the jury-men, Mr. Shrubsole, would be leaving the Colony on Monday next, and a new jury would have to be empanelled. The inquest was then adjourned until January 28th, when other jurors will be called.

## TWO KNOCK OUT BLOWS: PRICE \$15.

The aftermath of a new year's night celebration was heard yesterday morning at the Central Magistracy when a European was charged before Mr. J. C. Jenkins with assaulting the No. 1 waiter at the Tungshan Hotel.

According to the complainant it appeared that the defendant and others went to the hotel at about 12:30 a.m. to make merry. After a few bottles of beer had been consumed, defendant was said to have knocked some tumbler off the table. This led to more trouble in the course of which, the complainant was flooded and took the full count.

Defendant was then arrested and while on the way to the station, he scored another knock-out.

Defendant denied the charge and said that he was being falsely accused. He was in the hotel with a friend and when trouble broke out between some naval ratings and the management, he made his way to the door. He was there pounced upon by a crowd of Chinese and the moment he stepped out into the road, he was arrested. His story was corroborated by two Europeans.

A fine of \$10 was imposed and defendant was also made to pay \$5 compensation.

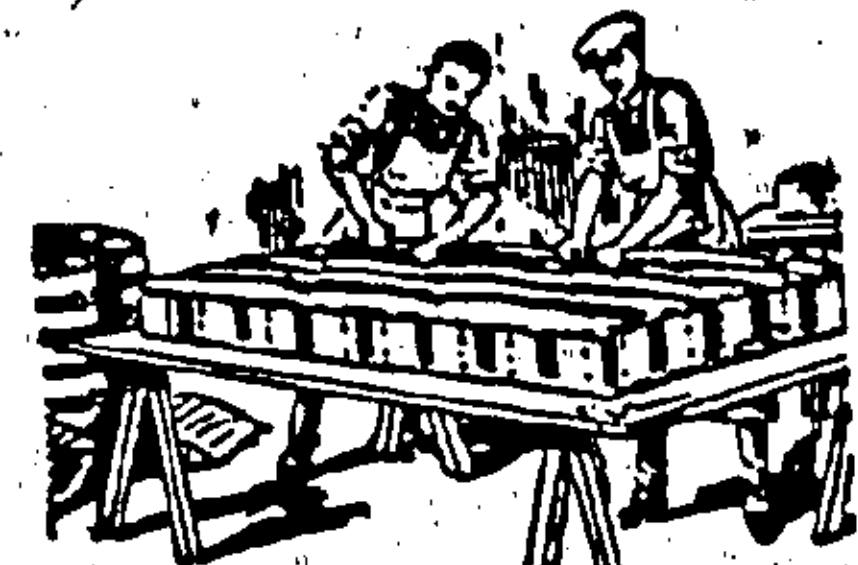
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H. G. HILEY, Lieut. Colonel, Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.F.C. His Majesty's Treasury Office, Hong Kong. [5773]

## FANLING HUNT.

**THERE will be POINT-TO-POINT RACES** on SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th for Light and Heavy Weights. Heavy Weights are 155 lbs (standing weight) and over. Meet at 120 KENNEDY at 11 A.M. [5768]

## HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

**ENTRY FORMS** may now be obtained at the Pavilion. ENTRIES for all Events CLOSE at NOON on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th. [5768]

## THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATTHEW & CO., LTD., on THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 9th JANUARY, to THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors, L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary. Hong Kong, 10th Jan., 1928. [5770]

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## CYMDEITHAS DEWI SANT, HONG KONG.

(ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, Hong Kong.)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in Mr. D. J. LEWIS' Office (Messrs. JOHNSON, BROS. & MASTER), Prince's Building, on FRIDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1928, at 5.30 P.M.

- BUSINESS:**
- To receive the Report of the Committee and the Statement of Accounts for the past year.
  - To elect Officers and Committee for ensuing year.
  - To consider the manner in which St. David's Day shall be celebrated.

All Persons of Welsh nationality whether Members or not are invited to attend. Dated the 6th January, 1928. G. S. HUGH-JONES, Hon. Secretary. [5742]

## INTIMATIONS.

## NOTICE.

**IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the NORWEGIAN CONSULATE has REMOVED its Office to the BANK OF CANTON BUILDING, 5th Floor.

SYVERRE BERG, Consul. [5758]

## NOTICE.

**HAVING** Resigned my Position as Manager for Messrs. THORESEN & CO., LTD., my Interest in and Connection with that Firm CEASES from TO-DAY.

SYVERRE BERG, Hong Kong, 7th Jan., 1928. [5759]

## NOTICE.

**WE** have TO-DAY established Ourselves as Steamship Agents, Brokers, Merchants and Manufacturers Agents under the Name of BERG & CO., LTD., with Offices in the BANK OF CANTON BUILDING. Telephone No. Central 2048.

BERG & CO., LTD., SYVERRE BERG, Managing Director. [5760]

## NOTICE.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Mr. SYVERRE BERG, having Resigned the Management of this Company, he is no longer connected with our Firm.

Mr. BJARNE STENDAH and Mr. PROITZ KRISTOFERSEN have THIS DAY been Authorized to Sign Jointly for the Company "Per Procurationem."

THORESEN & CO., LTD., Hong Kong, 8th Jan., 1928. [5761]

## NOTICE.

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## INTIMATIONS.

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## HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

**ANNUAL RACE MEETING:** 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th FEBRUARY, 1928.

**DRAFT** Programmes and Entry Forms are Now Ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES. [5853]

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

**THE INSTITUTION AND INSTALLATION** of the Rev. ALFRED SWANN, M.A., D.D.C., as Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Archdeacon of Hong Kong, and the Rev. MOK SEAT-SANG, Incumbent of the Church of Our Saviour, Canton, as Archdeacon of Canton, will take place at EVENSONG on JANUARY 12th, at 5.45 P.M.

A RECEPTION to welcome the Rev. A. and Mrs. SWANN will be held in the Cathedral Hall at 4.30 the same afternoon. The Church Body extend a Cordial Invitation to all interested in the work of the Cathedral to be present on this occasion. [5757]

## STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

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**THE** Government of Macao is prepared to accept Proposals for the Establishment of a Steamship Service between MACAO and TIMOR. Proposals should reach the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, not later than 17th JANUARY, 1928. Particulars may be obtained from the PORTUGUESE CONSULATES at Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Manila, Kobe, Amoy, and Saigon, or from the Under-Secretary.

ALMEIDA PINHEIRO, Harbour Master, Macao, 20th December, 1927. [5689]

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## MARRIAGE OF THE REV. C. B. SHANN AND MISS DEWING.

## YESTERDAY'S RECEPTION.

In connection with the wedding, which takes place privately this morning, of the Rev. C. B. Shann and Miss M. Dewing, a reception was held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant yesterday afternoon, and was attended by a gathering of over 200 friends and well-wishers, who came to offer felicitations and good wishes to the happy couple.

Among those present were the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Miss K. T. Woo (St. Paul's Girls' College), Mr. Grose, Dr. T. W. Pearce, the Rev. P. Jenkins (Canton), the Rev. W. R. Cannell, the Rev. G. F. Stopford, C.F., the Rev. N. V. Halward, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston (Union Church, Kowloon), the Right Rev. Bishop and Mrs. Duppy, Professors F. A. Redmond, W. J. Hinton, W. Fair and R. K. M. Simpson, and many others.

The Rev. P. Jenkins will officiate at the wedding this morning.

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HONG KONG, JANUARY 12th, 1928.

"SINFUL WASTE MAKES WOEFUL WANT."

Mr. J. P. BRAGA performed a useful public service at the meeting of the Sanitary Board when he emphasized the importance of avoiding in every possible way any wastage of the Colony's water supply. But we think he was a little unfortunate in his comparisons.

"There is the almost pathetic sight," he said, "with which Hong Kong residents are not unfamiliar, of processions of men, women and even children trudging long distances from the thickly populated areas in Hong Kong with buckets, kerosene tins, and other receptacles to collect water for culinary and other domestic purposes in the dry season from the streams trickling down Glenelly Ravine. It is an uncomplimentary reflection on the Administration that, while the poor had to undergo hardship to obtain a necessity of life, the rich should enjoy the luxury of watering their garden lawns and ornamental flower beds with water from the Government mains."

This shows an entirely wrong conception of the problem. There is, and never has been, as far as we know, any "class distinction" in the method of distributing the Colony's filtered water, but there is, and we believe there always has been, an almost criminal waste of this water by the more ignorant masses of the Chinese population. The

only practical means of checking such waste is to cut off the water from the houses and to make the residents fetch it from the nearest rider main. This system may entail inconvenience, and perhaps a little hardship, but it is only adopted when the supply is running short, and there is little doubt that its enforcement is often necessitated much earlier than would otherwise be the case by that "sinful waste" which Mr. Braga aptly reminds us brings "woeful want in its train."

To talk about discrimination between the person with the fat-bank balance and the poor coolie in these circumstances is absurd. The ingenuity which Chinese coolies and amahs will show in conserving their own property and turning it to some useful purpose is remarkable, but the lessons of thrift which they have learned in their own villages never seem to be applied to other people's possessions. A European householder will instinctively turn off a tap if water is running to waste; a dozen Chinese coolies, who would fight to the death for a cent, might notice the waste, but they would never dream of lifting a hand to prevent it. These phenomena are doubtless well known to Mr. BRAGA, and we think he would have been more just if he had taken them into consideration instead of endeavouring to wring our wrists by conjuring up a picture of queues of half-frozen Chinese waiting for drops of the "precious fluid" from the hydrants while the idle rich are using hundreds of gallons on their "garden lawns and ornamental flower beds."

We thoroughly agree with him that "it behoves every resident to impose upon himself as a duty the obligation to reduce water wastage as much as possible and to educate the masses against such wastage."

The Government, it seems to us, have been trying to do this for years past; and they realise that "experience is the best teacher."

We would suggest that this tag, translated into Chinese, might be attached to all the hydrants when domestic supplies are curtailed in future.

One Chinese case of puerperal fever was reported on Tuesday.

Speech day at St. Stephen's Girls' College has been fixed for Tuesday, January 17th, at 3 p.m.

A ricksha coolie was found unconscious in Arsenal Street yesterday by a sergeant of the R.A.F. The man had been knocked down by a motor car and left there.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A., (Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University) has consented to distribute the prizes on Monday next at 11.30 a.m., at the Vernacular Middle School.

The Hong Kong Reel Club has arranged a course of lessons in Highland dancing. These will be held at the Helena May Institute and will commence on February 1st.

Mr. P. T. Lambie, who has just retired from the Government Civil Service after twenty-six years service, left here by the s.s. Taiyoo Maru for Japan where he is going to live.

Entry forms for the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis Tournament, which opens early in March, can be obtained at the Club Pavilion. Entries for all events close on Saturday, February 4th.

The 40th ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, February 8th, at 12.30 p.m.

Lieut. Gibson, of H.M.S. *Titanic*, reported to the police yesterday the loss of his passport issued to him by the Foreign Office seven years ago.

Two amahs employed at No. 21, Jervois Street, have been arrested on suspicion of having attempted to poison their mistress, Tsang Kam See.

The annual distribution of prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, Sookunpoo, takes place this morning, at 11.30. Mr. A. el Arculli will distribute the awards.

Occupants of houses in Lyndhurst Terrace and Wellington Street have appealed to the Police requesting that no motor traffic be allowed on those streets on the ground that large numbers of Chinese children going to school have to pass there daily. The streets are narrow and cars make them very dangerous for pedestrians.

The "Globe Trotters" (Mr. Dick Norton's popular company of artists) have opened their season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, with much success. Their programme is just as novel and up-to-date as ever, and to-night they put on a new show entitled "Scenes and Screens" which will also be staged again tomorrow evening (Friday).

A fire broke out on Tuesday night on motor bus No. 87 owned by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company while the vehicle was passing the railway bridge in Gascoigne Road, Hung-hom. The bus was quickly emptied and no one was injured. The Kowloon Fire Brigade soon extinguished the flames. The fire was caused by the bursting of the gasoline pipe.

The motion "That a Man becomes Rich as a Result of Chance rather than by Ability or Industry" will be proposed by Mr. P. Sands, M.A., and seconded by Mr. T. J. Price, B.Sc., at the debate on this subject to take place at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club next Monday evening. The motion will be opposed by Dr. E. Ashton, M.D., supported by Mr. A. E. Lee.

The Institution and Installation of the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A., D.S.C., as Dean of St. John's Cathedral and Archdeacon of Hong Kong, and the Rev. Mok Shau Tang, Incumbent of the Church of Our Saviour, Canton, as Archdeacon of Canton, will take place at evensong to-day, at 5.45 p.m. Prior to this ceremony, a reception to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Swann will be held in the Cathedral Hall at 4.30. The Church Body extend a cordial welcome to all interested in the work of the Cathedral to be present to-day.

## DEPARTURE OF DR. J. B. ADDISON.

## TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE AT SEYCHELLES.

Dr. J. B. Addison, who has recently been Principal Civil Medical Officer, left the Colony on Tuesday on the ground of ill-health. His departure will be regretted by a host of friends in Hong Kong.

Dr. Addison served for a time on the Legislative Council. He is going to Seychelles.

Before coming to Hong Kong, Dr. Addison, who holds the degrees of M.R.C.S., Eng., and L.R.C.P., London, spent many years of his life at Seychelles. He was appointed Assistant Medical Officer of the islands in 1907, and in 1908 was made Chief Medical Officer. He remained in the Seychelles until 1924 when he came to Hong Kong to take over the duties of P.C.M.O. Dr. Addison is 53.

Dr. William Brownlow Ashe Moore is now the Principal Civil Medical Officer here.

## COLLISION IN THE HARBOUR.

## JAPANESE VESSEL BEACHED.

There was a rather exciting incident in the harbour last evening, when a Japanese steamer nearly sank, after being holed.

It appears that the *Fukuju Maru*, a small coasting vessel, was lying at Buoy No. 8 when she sprang a leak through being holed by a lighter.

A steam launch, was towing some lighters through the harbour, and when she cast off her tow, one of the lighters collided with the *Fukuju Maru* and made a hole in her about a foot square.

The Japanese boat was in danger of sinking, but assistance was quickly to hand in the *Kau Sing*, the Harbour Department rescue tug, and the *Fukuju Maru* was immediately towed away to Cheung Sha Wan and beached there.

Last evening it was reported that the vessel was in no danger, and that the *Henry Kewick*, the Kowloon Dock tug, was standing by in case she was required.

No lives were lost.

The *Fukuju Maru* is owned by the M.B.K.

## AN ENCOUNTER WITH HIGHWAYMEN.

## ENGLISH LADIES' UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

## ROBBERY IN NEW TERRITORIES.

Two European ladies had an unpleasant experience last Saturday when they were attacked by a couple of footpads in the New Territories.

The ladies were Miss Jennings, of the C.M.S. Home and Orphanage, Kowloon City, and Miss Beswick, of the Home for the Blind. They were out walking in Shatin when the two ruffians suddenly accosted them and after relieving the ladies of their money and valuables made their escape.

## LEADER OF SHANGHAI GANG ARRESTED?

## IMPLICATED IN MURDER OF SERGT. CAMPBELL.

SHANGHAI, January 7th.

A man whom the police believe to be the ringleader of the gang of armed robbers responsible for the murder of Detective-Sergeant F. G. Campbell on December 30th, and also one of the most dangerous criminals in Shanghai, made his appearance before Judge Ling in the Provisional Court this morning upon a charge of armed robbery, the specific instance being that affair which led up to the death of Campbell.

The alleged ringleader was arrested on information given to the police at No. 4, Rue du Consulat, yesterday morning. In the person of this accused the police are said to be confronted with another of that type of desperado which has sprung into the criminal limelight of Shanghai within recent months.

Dressed in a suit of foreign style clothes, and wearing a cardigan jacket, silk scarf and velvet hat, this young man is believed to have been the "brains" behind the gang operating at the time of Campbell's death. His manner is that of the experienced criminal and his record proves his ability in this direction.

Det.-Sub-Inspector Henry gave evidence of arrest and asked for a week's adjournment. The Court granted the request and remanded the accused in custody.

## WEATHER REPORT.

## FAIR.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast, and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.10 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened considerably. Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea. Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.



## MR. HU HAN MIN "PURGING" THE KUOMINTANG PARTY.

STATES THAT HE IS WRITING ON "NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS."

SEVERE FIGHTING BETWEEN HUPEH-ITES AND HUNANESE.

\$1,000,000 FOR "CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S" CAMPAIGN.

## NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL COMMISSION'S LARGE VOTE FOR WAR PURPOSES.

Mr. Hu Han Min seems to be as determined as ever not to participate in the proposed Kuomintang Conference. He has, however, telegraphed to Nanking to the effect that he hoped the Northern Expedition would be carried to final success. And he adds, perhaps more in sorrow than in anger, that he is at present engaged in writing on "Party Purgation, the reformation of the Kuomintang and on national revolutionary ideas apart from Communism's pernicious influence."

Although the Fourth Kuomintang Conference has not yet materialised, a meeting has taken place in Nanking, which may be regarded as a prelude to the much-discussed conference. The body known as the Political Commission of the Kuomintang has met and has proposed that the \$40,000,000 expected to be derived from the imposition of the 2.5 surtax "should be put aside this year for the political and military expenditure of the Central Government of Nanking." At the same time, this generous body authorised the payment of \$100,000,000 towards the military expenses of the "Christian General."

[A Reuter telegram received at midnight focuses a clearer light upon the Commission's proposals.]

## MR. HU HAN MIN'S VIEWS AND AIMS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, January 11th. Mr. Hu Han Min has telegraphed to Marshal Chiang Kai Shek expressing his attitude towards the coming 4th Kuomintang Conference, at which he declines to be present. He stated that he hoped the Northern expedition would be carried on until it reached final success. He had done nothing for the Northern expedition, but in regard to "party purgation" and the reformation of the Kuomintang, he was now engaged in writing on national revolutionary ideas, apart from the pernicious influence of Communism.

## THE "REQUISITE QUORUM" ANNOUNCED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 11th. A further six members of the Central Executive Committee left for Nanking this evening, giving the requisite quorum for the Fourth Plenary Kuomintang Conference.

Hu Han Min and Wu Tsz Fei steadfastly refuse to participate. A telegram from Nanking states that the Government Council yesterday morning agreed to the proposal to reorganise the Han Yeh Ping Company and also to retain Pei-Chung Hsi as Garrison Commander at Shanghai as the nomination Chang Chun on the 9th instant met with strong opposition. They also decided to impose an additional salt tax of 1½ cents per catty and appointed the banker Chien Yung Min Vice-Minister of Finance.

The Council sanctioned the proposals of the Finance Minister to issue \$40,000,000 8 per cent. bonds at 95, secured on the 2½ per cent. Customs Surtax and luxury tax and also on the parcel post duty.

## FIGHTING BETWEEN HUPEH AND HUNAN.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, January 11th. Severe fighting is going on between the Hunanese and the Hupehites near Tungcheng, in south-eastern Hupeh near the Hunan border.

## "SILVER BULLETS" FOR NATIONALISTS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, January 11th. Yesterday a meeting of the Political Commission of the Nationalist Government was called, at which General Tan Yan Kai presided.

Among the proposals put forward for discussion was an important one, namely that the \$40,000,000 expected to be derived from the 2.5 surtax should be put aside for political and military expenditure of the Central Government this year. This proposal was unanimously passed.

Another important proposal was that in view of Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's demand for financial support, the Financial Department should be authorised to remit to him a sum of \$1,000,000, which was unanimously agreed to.

## MUNITIONS FOR CHINA?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

KIEL, Jan. 11th. Two hundred and fifty tons of goods arrived here in 16 freight cars from Halle for shipment to Oslo on the Norwegian freighter *Aker*.

It was discovered by Customs officials that these were munitions, and the loading of them on board ship was forbidden pending investigation of their origin. Shipping circles believe that they were intended for China.

## DEMAND ON BRITISH COMMUNITY.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

KIUKIANG, Jan. 10th. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has demanded \$19,000 from the community of the ex-British Concession. A meeting is being held to discuss this matter.

## HUPEH-HUNANESE WARFARE.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

HANKOW, Jan. 10th. It is reported on reliable authority that the Hunanese are within 50 miles of Hankow on the south side of the river.

Pai Teung Hsi and Chen Chien have made attempts to get Hu Tung Tu out of the way, first by proposing that he should go up the river against General Yang Sen; and now that he should move against the Hunanese forces. He, however, remains at Hankow. It is not surprising at the feeling of uneasiness at Hankow which may again become the centre of military operations.

Chen Chien has stated that he sympathetically supports the proposal to present the administration of the ex-British Concession, with Taels 30,000 the deficit of 1927.

## SEQUEL TO SYDNEY HARBOUR TRAGEDY.

ACTIONS AGAINST A LINER'S OWNERS.

WIDOW CLAIMS £5,000.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, Jan. 11th. The Sydney *Ferries* have issued a writ against the owners of the s.s. *Tahiti*, claiming £30,000 for the destruction of the ferry steamer *Greyfriars*.

The suit follows the Court of Enquiry's finding that the *Tahiti's* speed was excessive, and an approximate cause of the accident was the liner's failure to observe the harbour regulations.

The liner's owners are also sued by the widow of one of the victims, who is claiming £5,000 as compensation. Other claims are expected.

Sydney telegrams, dated November 3rd and 4th, stated:—

The *Tahiti* struck a ferry boat and ship, and the latter sank in three minutes in a cloud of steam, leaving about 150 persons, including many school children, struggling in the water. The casualties in the ferry boat disaster, so far, total 86.

## AN IMPORTANT FRENCH MEASURE.

BAN RAISED ON EXPORT OF CAPITAL.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, Jan. 11th. The French Government yesterday took a most important step when it decided to raise the ban on the export of capital.

The newspapers as well as business circles regard the measure as an evident proof of trust in France's financial future, and another step towards its final restoration.

The *Journal* remarks that the Paris money market, greatly diminished by the war, will recover its former position. *Le Petit Parisien* outlines the beneficial consequences of the measure for French concerns established abroad for the investment of capital at present accumulated in the French market and which will be registered also for the investment of foreign capital in French interests.

French Enterprises Abroad Benefitted.

PARIS, Jan. 11th. The Government decrees to raise the ban on the export of capital has been very favourably received by economic and financial circles. It is pointed out that this prohibition never prevented "deserters" of the franc from holding reserves abroad and it became very irksome for French commerce and industry. French enterprises abroad needing capital and funds can breathe more freely, and opinion is expressed that the new order will set right the situation on the money market.

## A SALVATION ARMY AWARD.

FOR EMINENT PATRIOTIC SERVICE.

WOMAN RECIPIENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 11th. Miss Evangeline Booth, head of the Salvation Army in America, has awarded Eleanor Van Rensselaer Fairfax a medal "for eminent patriotic service."

## CABLE AND BEAM.

A POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT.

CAN MARCONI INTERESTS BE BOUGHT?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 10th. The Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies and Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company announce that Sir William Plender on behalf of the former and Sir Gilbert Garnsey on behalf of the latter "have been asked to co-operate with a view to making a joint report for submission to the respective board as to possible arrangement in the joint interests of the respective companies."

The cable companies' shares rose sharply on the Stock Exchange, Eastern leading the increase with a rise of ten points, which is attributed to the expectation of an agreement with Marconi's over the Beam system.

The *Star* says it is freely rumoured that Marconi interests might be bought out.

## THE POPE AND CHRISTIAN UNITY.

A REMARKABLE ENCYCLICAL.

NO COMPROMISE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, Jan. 11th.

"It is impossible to reach a compromise on truth as revealed by God" epitomises a remarkable Papal encyclical which has been widely regarded as the death knell to the efforts initiated by England and America to achieve Christian unity.

The Pope invites Catholic bishops throughout the world to warn their flocks as to fallacious religious unity among Christians, which consists of agreeing "only" on some points, of faith which non-Catholics consider fundamental while preserving their own opinion on others which, in the past, led to separation from the Church of Rome.

The encyclical declares that any human compromise would be treason, and concludes that unity in the church is only obtainable by the return of the dissidents to the Church of Rome which is the "only true church of Christ."

## U.S. MERCHANT SHIPS.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND THE JONES BILL.

"MORE SHIPS THAN THEY CAN USE."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11th. Talking to pressmen, President Coolidge referred to the Jones Bill, and expressed the opinion that the United States Government should not build any more merchant ships, as the Government had more vessels than they can use.

Any Government body, such as the present Shipping Board, would always encounter a great difficulty and heavy financial loss in an attempt to operate shipping. Therefore, the sale of Government-owned ships should not be held up or restricted as in the proposed Bill.

President Coolidge was of opinion that private ownership with merchantmen under the American flag was only obtainable with Government assistance in the shape of mail contracts and possibly some provision for the crews.

## FURTHER TROUBLE IN NICARAGUA.

TOWNSHIP REVOLTS.

TELEGRAPH LINES DESTROYED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 10th. United States marines were dispatched on January 9th from Managua to Somotillo, a town near the frontier of Honduras, where a serious situation is reported to have developed.

Ten Nicaraguan National Guardsmen with a non-commissioned officer deserted there on Sunday and joined the Honduran revolutionist general, Peralta. The American marine officer commanding the detachment at Somotillo went to Villa Nueva to secure reinforcements, but when he returned he was unable to enter Somotillo as the whole populace had revolted.

All communications are cut off as General Sandino's forces have destroyed the telegraph lines.

Somotillo In Hands Of National Guardsmen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11th. A telegram from Managua states that the loyal Nicaraguan National Guardsmen have regained control of Somotillo.

## OVER 1,300,000 UNEMPLOYED.

INCREASE DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 10th. The Ministry of Labour announces that on January 2nd the total number of unemployed was 1,332,300. This was 232,249 more than on December 10th, but 163,539 less than on January 3rd, 1927. Owing to the dismissal of workers engaged for the Christmas trade and to extended short time working there is normally a large increase in the number registered as unemployed immediately after Christmas. Last year the total for January 3rd was 156,100 more than that for December 20th, 1926. The considerably larger increase this year is undoubtedly due to the severe weather.

## OUTBREAKS OF FIRE IN BOMBAY.

HEAVY LOSS OF COTTON.

JAPANESE MAIN SUFFERERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, January 11th.

Six outbreaks of fire occurred during the last two days at cotton green sewri where the major portion of the Indian crop is stored. The damage is estimated at twelve lakhs of rupees. Japanese are the main sufferers.

The *Times of India* urges an enquiry and suggests that the fires are due to damp cotton.

## THE NOTORIOUS MAFIA.

TRIAL OF SICILIAN SECRET SOCIETY MEMBERS.

HEAVY SENTENCES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, January 11th.

Judgment has at last overtaken the Mafia, a notorious Sicilian secret society, after a three years' trial of 134 members at the Termini Mease in Northern Sicily.

The jury, after deliberating for three days, found 147 of the accused guilty of crimes extending over very many years.

Following the verdict the public prosecutor demanded that seven of the accused be sentenced to life servitude, eight to thirty years' and the rest to between 5 and 25 years' imprisonment.

Efforts to round-up the Society are recorded as far back as 1874.

## ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE.

ENGLISH AND GERMAN COMPETITION.

48 HOURS TO AMERICA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 10th.

There is a keen Anglo-German race to be the first to operate a trans-Atlantic passenger airship service.

Commander Burney, M.P., stated that the Zeppelin Company was now working day and night at Friedrichshafen to complete the trans-Atlantic airship *LZ127* by October.

The British airship *R100*, now being built at Howden, Yorkshire, will be ready by the end of April, but flying trials will be delayed pending completion of the big new airship at Cardington near Bedford.

It will probably be July when the Air Ministry carries out the official trials. After this Commander Burney will fly the airship as a private enterprise to carry passengers on a demonstration flight across the Atlantic.

If this is successful it is intended to form an Atlantic Airship Company to operate an alternate day service between England and North America, carrying mail, and passengers. It is estimated that the time taken will be 48 hours from England to America and 38 hours in the reverse direction.

The airship will carry 168 passengers and has a cruising speed of 95 miles an hour. The new airships are able to travel non-stop from London to Bombay in 52 hours, and can reach Australia within five days from England.

## BRITISH COTTON INDUSTRY.

OPERATIVES TO MEET EMPLOYERS.

UNWISE TO INCREASE HOURS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 10th.

The *Star*, commenting on the Cotton Employers' reports says "it is clearly unwise to increase the hours to 52½ at a time when the Washington Convention, fixing them at 48, still awaits ratification."

LATELY. The Legislative Council of the United Textile Factory Workers' Association, representing all the cotton trade unions and half a million workers at a meeting at Manchester this afternoon agreed to an offer to meet the employers on January 17th and discuss the condition of the industry.

## IRISH FREE STATE PRESIDENT.

ON A "VISIT OF COURTESY TO AMERICA."

ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, January 11th.

Mr. Cosgrave, President of the Executive of the Irish Free State, has left on what he describes as "a courtesy visit to America." He is accompanied by the Minister of Defence and prominent Government servants.

## BRITISH LOAN TO GREECE.

6½ MILLIONS FOR FORTY YEARS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 11th.

M. Caphandaris, the Greek Finance Minister who is visiting London, has concluded an agreement with a group of British bankers for a new loan of £6,500,000.

The issue price will be 91 and the interest 6 per cent; but the total charge to Greece, including expenses, will be 7 per cent. The loan is repayable in 40 years.

## CUBA'S SUGAR CROP.

REGULATING THE OUTPUT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 11th.

Unofficial advice from Cuba state that this season's sugar crop will be reduced to four million tons, a reduction of half a million tons compared with last year.

## BRITISH VIEWS ON SECURITY.

NO COMPLETE SCHEME FOR LEAGUE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 10th.

A statement published to-day that the British Government have notified the League Secretariat of their intention shortly to submit a complete scheme on security as seen from the British viewpoint is not correct and is apparently an exaggerated description of the procedure agreed upon by members of the Security Committee at its public meeting last December. The British Government merely proposed, in common it is understood with other governments, to carry out a suggestion then made by M. Benet, Chairman of the Committee, to send to the League before the next meeting begins their views on the programme of work to be proposed to the committee. One or two memoranda embodying British views on the Committee's programme are now under preparation but they make no pretence to be a complete scheme as reported.

## DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

CANADIAN LEGATION IN PARIS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 10th.

It was announced after the Ministerial Council at Paris to-day that following upon diplomatic negotiations after conversations held in Paris last December between Mr. Dandurand, Canadian Minister of State, and M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister, the Canadian and French Governments had decided to create a Canadian Legation in France and the French Legation in Canada. The new French Minister will reside at Ottawa.

It may be recalled that at the Imperial Conference held in London in 1926 it was decided that in countries where the dominions felt they had special interests, the appointment of their own special representatives was to be welcomed.

In other cases the Foreign Office, British Embassies and Legations should continue to be used as the normal diplomatic channels between dominion governments and foreign governments. The only such official dominions representatives at present are the Canadian and Irish Ministers in Washington.

## U.S. TRADE STATISTICS.

WHY "DUN'S INDEX" SHOWS.

CAUSE OF RECENT "BULL" FEATURE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 11th.

The recent bull feature has been the prediction that unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation would show a gain.

The orders unfilled on December 31st, now published, show a total of 3,972,000 tons and the unexpectedly large increase of 518,000 tons compared with the previous month.

Dun's Index Number of Wholesale Prices for the United States on January 1st was 192.849, which was 0.3 per cent. below that of December 1st, 2.7 per cent. above that of last year and 61.1 per cent. above pre-war prices.

## TORPEDO CARRYING WAR PLANE.

FOR USE ON LAND OR SEA.

A NEW DEVELOPMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 10th.

Details are published of a new torpedo carrying plane, able to ascend with equal facility from land, sea, or the deck of an aircraft carrier, which has been evolved for use with the fleet air arm. Known as the Ripon it is a two-seater and has thus a certain advantage over the existing single-seater Blackburn Napier dart planes. Provision of a second cockpit will give the pilot the additional protection of a machine-gunner who, when the craft is in action, will be able to devote himself solely to the task of beating off attacking aeroplanes.

The Ripon is to be fitted with the new Handley Page safety device of antistalling slotted wings. Equipped with a 450 h.p. Napier Lion engine it will be able to range over a wide expanse of sea at a speed of about two miles a minute. When operating from the surface of the water floats can be fitted, replacing the usual land undercarriage, in a comparatively short space of time. It will be when operating as a seaplane that the slotted wings will be of great assistance in facilitating rising from the water.

## INQUEST ON FLOOD VICTIMS.

TWO VITAL QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 10th.

The coroner for the Westminster district of London to-day opened an inquest on persons who lost their lives in Westminster through the Thames floods. After evidence of identification had been given he adjourned the inquest until January 18th when he said two vital questions would be investigated. These were firstly why the embankment wall opposite the Tate Gallery was unable to withstand the pressure of water. Secondly, why the wall at the South-West end of Lambeth Bridge was allowed to remain for so long in an inadequate condition in view of the possibility of a catastrophe. A jury of Westminster citizens would hear evidence on these matters. He hoped to receive assistance and reports from the local authorities concerned.

## EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN KENYA.

NUNS' NARROW ESCAPE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Nairobi, Jan. 10th.

Very severe shocks in the early morning were the climax of the earth tremors which have been felt throughout Kenya for the past week. A fissure 9 miles long was torn in the neighbourhood of Lake Baringo.

The nuns had a narrow escape at the Catholic Mission at Porthall. The heavy stone walls of their dormitory collapsed and crashed on their beds. The nuns, however, were then praying in their chapel.

## SENATOR ROOT PRAISED.

NO ASSUMPTION OF SUPERIORITY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 10th.

Doctor Davila, in the course of an address, declared that the belief in many parts of Latin America that the Monroe Doctrine implied an assumption of superiority by the United States was a serious barrier to understanding and goodwill.

Doctor Davila extolled Senator Root "who has done much to break down the impression that the United States has assumed the right to exercise a protectorate over central South America."



## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

## H.K.F.A. CHALLENGE SHIELD.

## THE INTERPORT PRACTICE GAME ENTRIES.

It is understood that Wynne (H.K. Police) will not make the journey to Shanghai with the Interport side on Tuesday next.

At a Council meeting of the H.K.F.A. last evening, Ng Kum Chuen was selected to play in the right back position in the Interport match.

The following entries have been received for the H.K.F.A. Challenge Shields:—

**Senior**—H. K. F. C., Kowloon F. C., Hong Kong Police, R.A., Scots Guards, R.A.F., Club de Reucrio, China Athletic and South China.

**Juniors**—H. K. F. C., Kowloon F. C., R.A., Scots Guards, Club de Reucrio, China Athletic and South China "A" and "B."

The draw for the competition was deferred until the return of the Interport team from Shanghai.

The absence from the list of entries of the R.O.S.B. and Queen's Regt. is regretted, but these may be due to an oversight.

## NAVY AND R.A.F. BEAT HONG KONG SELECTED SIDE.

The practice Interport game yesterday played on the H.K.F.A. ground was somewhat marred by the absence of three of the selected players—Wynne, Gosano and the Rev. Alexander. Substitutes for these were found in P. Xavier, L. Kueh and Chun Kwong Yu. The combined team were not at full strength. Northey and Leonard being absent. The Service men soon settled down to business and Hong Kong were early defending. After ten minutes play, Knight snapped up a pass close in and easily beat Clarke. The Navy lads were playing a sound game and with the exception of McNeven and the Athletic left wing, the Hong Kong forwards seldom got moving.

Sims had Vernon well covered, but Lai Yik Tat and Xavier failed to stop the rushes of the inside forwards, Jones and Knight. A second goal for the combined team came from Jones who ran through the defence and beat Clarke from close range.

Avery stepped several shots from Chan and McNeven and at the interval Hong Kong was two goals down.

Each side scored once in the second half, McNeven for Hong Kong and Knight for the combined team. Jones of the Navy was hurt in collision with Sims and had to be assisted off the field. Barkham and Baker played well throughout, while Avery in goal gave a good display. All the inside forwards of the combined team played a dashing game and Hong Kong defence was often guessing. Clarke played well between the sticks. The combined team's third goal was a lucky one, Knight sending across and the ball struck the post and rebounded into the net.

## HOCKEY.

## SIM SHIELD COMPETITION.

## ARMY BEAT THE CLUB.

In the second match in the Sim Shield competition played on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, the Army defeated the Hong Kong Hockey Club by four goals to one.

The Army exerted considerable pressure throughout the game and led at the interval by the only goal scored up to this time, the scorer being Lieut. Burton.

It was only towards the end of the game that the Army scored three more goals through Capt. Dobbie and two by the previous scorer. The goal by the Club was scored shortly before the whistle sounded by G. E. Slipper, their right wing.

## Y.M.C.A. v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

This match will be played on the King's Park ground to-day (Thursday), starting at 5 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.—P. Sands; E. B. Robinson, A. J. Ashby; A. J. May, B. W. Sampson, J. Gardner; F. Munn, G. B. Slipper, F. Wheeler, A. C. Howell, J. C. Faers.

## CRICKET.

## A CORRECTION.

The cricket match between the Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, played at the Chinese Recreation Club on Tuesday, and reported in yesterday's issue, was a League match and not a friendly match, as was inadvertently stated.

The Royal Engineers were badly beaten, scoring only 24 runs, against 128 compiled by the R.A.O.C.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## SCOTS GUARDS IN FORM.

## KOWLOON C.C. BEATEN.

A very even match was seen yesterday afternoon on the Kowloon Cricket Club courts between teams representing the Scots Guards and the Home Club. After a good struggle the former won by the narrow margin of 9 games. Capt. Graham and Capt. Tynningham, who proved the best pair of the six, secured 22 games, winning all their sets.

The details follow:—  
S. E. Green and R. E. Lind-sell (K.C.C.)  
Capt. Tynningham and  
Lieut. Treadwell

beat Capt. Erskine and Groves 5-3  
7-4

L. Jack and J. S. Smith (K.C.C.)  
lost to Capt. Graham and Capt. Tynningham 3-8

beat Lieut. Milburne and Lieut. Treadwell 8-3

lost to Capt. Erskine and Groves 4-7

E. Abraham and J. S. Smith (K.C.C.)  
lost to Capt. Graham and Capt. Tynningham 3-5

lost to Lieut. Milburne and Lieut. Treadwell 4-7

Total—Kowloon C.C. 43; Scots Guards 54.

## H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

The programme and Entry Forms for the Hong Kong Cricket Club Annual Tournament have now been circulated and can also be had from the Club. There is no change from last year and the list of events is as follows:—

1.—Men's Championship Singles of the Colony.  
2.—Men's Championship Doubles of the Colony.

3.—Club Championship.  
4.—Handicap Singles "A."  
5.—Handicap Singles "B."  
6.—Handicap Doubles.

7.—Mixed Handicap Doubles.  
The first and second events are open to any player resident in the Colony, but the Committee of the Hong Kong Cricket Club reserve to themselves the right to restrict the number of entries, if they prove too numerous, while the other events are open to members and subscribers of the Club only.

**The Singles Championship.**  
For the Singles Championship of the Colony, the trophy is the Challenge Cup presented by the late Sir C. P. Chater which is to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same player three years in succession. The holder is S. A. Rumjahn and the winners of this Cup have been as follows:—

1921—T. Honan.  
1923—C. O'Callaghan.  
1924—T. Honan.  
1927—S. A. Rumjahn.

For the Doubles Championship of the Colony, the players compete for the Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Ho Kom Tong which are to be held for one year and won outright if won by the same pair three years in succession.

The competition begins at the forthcoming tournament, as last year the Rumjahn cousins won the Challenge Cup presented by the late Mr. Ho Fook.

## GOLF.

## R.H.K.C.C. CHINESE NEW YEAR MEETING.

1.—MEDAL ROUND: 21st-24th January inclusive.  
For members and subscribers. Unlimited entries. There is a \$1 entrance fee of which 10 per cent. goes to the Club, 80 per cent. to the winner. If there should be over 30 entries 60 per cent. goes to the winner and 30 per cent. to the runner-up.  
2.—BOOZY COMPETITION as above.

The above can be played for together, but no player can win two prizes on one round, or take more than one prize in the same competition.

3.—Afternoons of 22nd, 23rd and 24th January.  
4 Ball Foursome: Medal. Best ball of a pair at each hole to count.

5 Combined Handicaps. For members and subscribers. \$1 per player entrance fee; 10 cent. to Club, 90 per cent. to winners; or, if over 30 pairs enter, 60 per cent. to winners, 30 per cent. to runner-up.

6 Mixed Booby Foursomes: On the New Course, for members and subscribers. This will be played on Men's Bogeys from the 21st to 24th January, inclusive.  
\$1 entrance fee per pair. Unlimited entries. There is a prize for the winning lady, and if over 29 entries a prize also for her partner.

## 1927 CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS.

## LANCASHIRE C.C.C.'S DINNER.

## MR. C. B. FRY'S AMUSING REMINISCENCES.

## LANCASHIRE'S RABBIT.

The Lancashire County Cricket Club recently celebrated the team's success in the championship competition at dinner at the Midland Hotel, Manchester. Mr. O. P. Lancashire presided over a large gathering, which included many cricketers—amateur and professional—from other county clubs.

Mr. C. B. Fry, who proposed the toast of the Lancashire County Cricket Club and team, said if there was one cricketer who had poignantly impressed upon him the qualities of Lancashire cricket it was the humble individual now addressing them. "I am," he said, "the Lancashire rabbit. I will even claim to be Lancashire's most eminent rabbit. (Laughter). In the course of thirty years of first-class cricket (although I say it as shouldn't) I collected about 30,000 runs. There is a neighbouring county, which also has a rose for an emblem. On looking up statistics I found I had collected several thousand runs against that county, and they were always well up in the championship table in those days. I never collected more than 300 against Lancashire.

"They Wanted To Dig Me out."

"But that is not all. I had an average of getting on for 100 against that other county, but my average against Lancashire was under 10. (Laughter). And that is not all. (Laughter). In the course of my chequered career I only once got a 'pair of spectacles.' That was at Aigburth. Johnny Tyldesley was there and made a hundred. And still that is not all. At the age of 50, and in circumstances in which nobody quite knew what to do about beating the Australians, they wanted to dig me out. I said, 'If I can make runs against Lancashire I will play.' Well, I went to play against Lancashire, and I got out first ball. (Laughter and cheer.)

"But," Mr. Fry went on, "I have something to urge in mitigation. I came to Old Trafford for 15 years in succession before I betted on a hard wicket. (Laughter). There was a bright interlude. You will guess at once that was when Sidney Barnes and Walter Brearley appeared on the scene. What happened was this. Walter Brearley went to Sidney Barnes and said: 'Sussex are coming here next week. I will approach the authorities.' Sidney Barnes was not quite sure about the diplomatic ability of Walter Brearley—(laughter)—but he said nothing. (Laughter). However, Walter Brearley was not very easily put off. He went walking more delicately than anyone since Agassiz—(laughter)—approached Jupiter Pluvius, and asked for a hard wicket. The result was that Prince Ranjitsinhji collected a very large score, and I made 180—the only 100 I ever did make against Lancashire." (Laughter and cheer).

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## FAMOUS DANCING MASTER DEAD.

## TEACHER OF THE KING AND QUEEN.

## MR. LOUIS D'EGVILLE.

Mr. Louis d'Egville, the great Victorian dancing master, died in London last month at the age of seventy-one after a long and courageous fight against an affection of the heart and lungs.

He taught at one time or another, in most of the great houses in this country and Ireland. Many English and Continental royalties were among his pupils, including the King and Queen, the Duke of York, Princess Mary, the Duke of Connaught's family, and the Queen of Spain.

One of the sights of fashionable London in pre-war days was to see the long line of garrigues outside his residence in Conduitstreet, where he held his famous Monday and Thursday classes, and no person's education was considered complete until he could say he had learned dancing with Mr. d'Egville. The "d'Egville bow" was renowned.

## Favourite Work.

He was for years employed by the late Sir Herbert Tree, and many of the productions at His Majesty's included dances of all kinds by him. In later years he was appointed professor of stage dancing at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and this was really his favourite work, for he was not an admirer of the modern ballroom style. He always said that when a gentleman danced he should remember to look like a man first, a gentleman second, and a dancer third.

Mr. d'Egville was one of the finest amateur violinists and pianists of his time, and used his violin extensively in his ballet classes in the old style. He played as leader in the Royal Amateurs, and was in great demand at private functions. He also composed a number of charming works.

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## HANGMAN ACTS IN A PLAY.

## CROWDS RUSH TO SEE REAL EXECUTIONER.

## MELODRAMA OF CHARLES PEACE'S LIFE.

## GRAVESEND, Dec. 13th.

A professional hangman became a professional actor to-night at the Grand Theatre, Gravesend. What the Actors' Association will say about it and what the public will think remain to be seen.

He was John Ellis, the barber of Rochdale, who was the official executioner for many years, and retired in 1924.

Ellis appeared as the hangman in a new melodrama, "The Life and Adventures of Charles Peace," produced for the first time. He had to execute the king of burghers and murderers, Charles Peace, and carried it through in the full light of an enthusiastically excited audience with the promptness and expedition that comes from long practice. Mr. Thomas Morris, who took the part of Charles Peace, was the actor well and truly hanged.

## Nervous.

I saw Ellis in his dressing-room beneath the stage a few moments before he made his debut. His conversation was more than a little gruesome. "I am feeling more nervous now than at any real execution," said this slightly built, pale-faced man with a heavy tawny moustache and pale blue eyes, who speaks with a Lancashire accent. "I hope it goes all right."

"If Mr. Morris complains afterwards he will be the only one that I have handled who has ever done so."

"During my service as executioner I carried out 300 hangings at 210 a time, plus travelling and other expenses—the pay for executions is the only thing that has not gone up. I receive no pension from the Government and now that I have retired must earn a living in the best way that offers."

"I am on the stage about a minute, which is a longer time than any of my 300 executions took."

"The time occupied by an execution always used to depend on the





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## GUILTY BUT INSANE.

### COURT OF APPEAL REVERSES SENTENCE.

#### UNEMPLOYED MINER'S TRAGEDY.

LONDON, Dec. 10th.

The appeal of Edward Lloyd, aged thirty-one, an unemployed miner, against sentence of death at Durham Assizes for murdering Police Constable Straughan at North Hylton, Sunderland, was allowed yesterday by the Court of Criminal Appeal, and the court ordered that Lloyd should be kept in custody as a criminal lunatic.

Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, said in delivering judgment that although Lloyd made threats there was strong evidence that he was insane.

"He was in the Army in 1914," added Lord Hewart, "and in April 1917 was discharged with a pension because of shell shock. Extracts from his record for October 1914 to October 1927 show that he was gradually becoming more unreliable in his mind. He was stated often to have lost control of himself and fallen in the street without realizing where he was."

"The medical reports also state that Lloyd was childish, had no initiative, lacked concentration, was irresponsible, and could not be relied on. It was also said that Lloyd was by no means of a high mental type."

"Violent Manner."

"His wife described him as a good tempered man when well, but of violent manner at other times, and it took six or seven men to hold him."

"It is not denied by the prosecution that there was enough evidence to warrant a verdict of guilty but insane, but unfortunately Mr. Justice Roche, for reasons it is not difficult to imagine, and seeing, no doubt, the sympathy the jury felt for Lloyd, laid stress on the suggestion that they could find him guilty but recommend him to mercy, a recommendation which he said was not likely to be disregarded."

"It is not difficult to resist the view that had it not been for the words of the judge the jury might have found Lloyd guilty but insane."

The circumstances of the case were that Police Constable Straughan had served a summons on Lloyd, and had returned at night to serve a summons on a neighbour, when Lloyd shot him. The defence at the assizes was insanity, and the jury found him guilty with a strong recommendation to mercy.

Medical History. Mr. Archibald Wilson, for Lloyd, referred to this full medical history since he suffered from shell shock in 1916 until he was discharged at his own request in October 1926.

The Lord Chief Justice: I must one of your strong points that the jury were invited to find the graver verdict with a recommendation to mercy on the representation that the recommendation would be attended to.

Mr. Wilson: Precisely. That is my strongest point, but the whole medical history of this man shows a gradual deterioration of his mental state, and this is borne out by the witnesses who had an opportunity of seeing him.

Mr. Paley Scott, for the Crown, said that while there were facts from which the jury might have come to the conclusion that Lloyd was insane, the evidence of sanity was considerable. One of the witnesses said that she did not think that Lloyd was right in his head, but this witness was not an expert.

Judge and Experts.

Mr. Justice Avey: Sometimes an ordinary individual gives more valuable evidence than a mental expert.

Mr. Justice Avey said: I am sorry that the summing-up in this case gave the effect of leading the jury into believing that it was better for the man to be convicted of murder with a recommendation to mercy than that he was insane.

Mr. Paley Scott: It might. The Lord Chief Justice pointed out that the two possible verdicts were guilty, with a recommendation to mercy, or guilty but insane.

Mr. Justice Avey, replying to further arguments by Mr. Paley Scott, said: "Juries do not, or may not, know that it is usual to consult the judge at the trial on the question whether the sentence shall be carried out, and certainly they do not know whether it is usual in every case to follow the judge's advice."

## CHELSEA "PETTING PARTIES."

### NOVELIST'S TRUTH ABOUT THE SHAM ARTISTS.

#### HOLLYWOOD RIVALLED BY THE STUDIOS.

Orgiastic revelries of historical Gomorrah or fictional Hollywood cast no shade upon the high lights of Chelsea night life—according to Miss Marjory Lawrence, whose new novel, "Bohemian Glass," has been refused by Messrs. Hutchinson because of the realistic nature of its revelations.

"The truth doesn't pay," commented Miss Lawrence to a reporter. "And the truth about Chelsea is that there is a nasty, cheap, vicious set of people living there; men and women both addicted to unnatural practices; masqueraders in studios, talking art jargon and rapidly driving the serious artists—who refuse to associate with them—out of Chelsea."

"That is why so many artists are migrating to St. John's Wood, Bloomsbury, and even to studios in the City," she added.

As Bad As the East.

"There are alleged petting parties in Chelsea that develop into orgies which could not be surpassed anywhere in the East. And I have described one of them in my book."

"But don't mistake me, I am not hitting at the serious artists of Chelsea. They are quite disassociated from the people I have written about."

"Everybody knows that there are debased men and women who indulge in depravity. I think, however, it is more blatant and more prevalent in Chelsea than anywhere. It is also on the increase. But there seems to be a conspiracy of silence about it and an unwritten agreement among people not to allude to it."

The Too-Bold Truth.

"That is why my book has been rejected. I have committed the error of telling the truth."

"If I had put more jam with my powder I might have got away with it," she added with a smile. "My heroine is a clean-minded girl-student who innocently becomes entangled with this vicious set, and gradually becomes disillusioned and disgusted. Many girls have had a similar experience."

"I know what I am talking about. For three years I was an art student. I have been present at parties where many of the young men and women became drunk and a drunker. It was quite common to see them slip away in taxis or make love to each other on the divans."

## LONDON PUBLIC HOUSES.

### LAST YEAR'S REDUCTION.

A return relating to London liquor licences, issued by the County Council, shows that the total number of premises with Justices' on-licences in the administrative county (excluding theatres and music-hall) on April 6th last, was 5,696, of which 5,287 were public-houses and beer-houses. During 1927 licences were granted in respect of 11 premises not licensed in 1926, was revived; 53 licences were extinguished, or were in course of extinction, with compensation, and 12 were not renewed, or not applied for, the total net reduction being 55.

Since the passing of the Act of 1904 the net reduction in the number of on-licensed premises, after allowing for new licences, has been 1,820, or 24 per cent.

The latest "permitted" hour of sale on week-days as fixed by the Justices in 1927 is 11 p.m. in Westminster and Holborn, 10.30 p.m. in the City of London, and 10 p.m. in the remainder of the administrative county. On Sundays the latest "permitted" hour is 9 p.m. in Battersea, Bermondsey, Camberwell, Lambeth, Southwark, and Wandsworth, and 10 p.m. in the rest of the administrative county.

## SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

For JANUARY, 1928.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

| Date.             | Sunrise.  | Sunset.   |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| January 12th..... | 7.06 a.m. | 5.58 p.m. |
| " 13th.....       | 7.06      | 5.58      |
| " 14th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 15th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 16th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 17th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 18th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 19th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 20th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 21st.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 22nd.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 23rd.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 24th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 25th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 26th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 27th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 28th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 29th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 30th.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |
| " 31st.....       | 7.06      | 5.59      |

## "BOBBY" ABEL AT 70.

### "IF I HAD MY EYESIGHT."

#### CRITICISES MODERN BOWLERS.

"Bobby" Abel, the Surrey cricketer, is 70. He looks much less than his years, and still takes the keenest interest in County cricket.

"I feel I have entered a new lease of life," he said to the *Evening Standard* representative. "Last year my poor wife died. I nearly went blind, and then there was the money trouble as well. To-day my eyes are improving, and a specialist assures me that there is every hope of my sight being absolutely restored."

"A Different Man."

"Since I have had the financial worry taken off my shoulders I am a different man. I just feel so fit that if only I had my eyesight back I'd bowl some of them out to-day. I was on the Oval staff during the war, and I can tell you I never bowled so well in my life."

Fast And Slow Bowlers.

"The bowling nowadays isn't what it used to be. They are all too much alike. What we want is variety. We haven't got a fast bowler like Lockwood or Keworth, and we haven't got anything like Tridly Tyler, who was the slowest bowler in the world. It was so slow that the ball would scarcely knock the bails off. Once with a first ball of the match he hit. MacLaren's wicket, and it never shifted the bails, and MacLaren went on to make over 400."

"They haven't got anybody that nips by under your chin. Why, in the old days many of us have often been frightened out. Then, of course, the wickets seem to have lost their nature. They are all so perfect that unless there is a bit of rain you can't do much on them."

Job Bowlers Wanted.

"Why aren't there a few job bowlers with that underhand that made the ball break yards across the wicket? I remember my own Captain Jephson getting me out with a job when I'd made 247. I thought as the ball came along 'I'll show him what I think of jobs.' I stepped back to it, and it broke so far across that I couldn't reach it, and it hit my wicket."

## HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, January 11th.

Previous Day On Date On Date

at 2 p.m. at 8 a.m. at 2 p.m.

Barometer... 30.06 30.19 30.23

Temperature... 68 62 64

Humidity... 68 92 77

Wind... E E NE

Direction... East 2 2

Force... 0 0 0

Weather... 0 0 0

Rain... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Significant open-air Temperature, 11th: 66

Lowest open-air Temperature, 11th: 62

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning;

M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 12th to 15th, 1928.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Days of Week. Date. Time. Height. Days of Week. Date. Time. Height.

Thurs. 12. 2.22 a.m. 4.3 m. 7.15 p.m. 1.4

Fri. 13. 0.19 a.m. 6.2 m. 5.49 p.m. 3.8

Sat. 14. 3.18 a.m. 6.2 m. 7.59 p.m. 1.8

Sun. 15. 2.3 a.m. 6.0 m. 8.44 p.m. 2.2

Mon. 16. 3.58 a.m. 4.8 m. 10.10 p.m. 2.8

Tues. 17. 6.18 a.m. 4.2 m. 0.4 p.m. 3.4

Wed. 18. 6.28 a.m. 4.0 m. 1.8 p.m. 2.9

" 19. 6.14 a.m. 3.8 m. 3.1 p.m. 3.2

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|                              |             |              |         |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------|
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| AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE      | "KWANGTUNG" | On 14th Jan. | 4 p.m.  |
| SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO          | "SUICHOW"   | On 15th Jan. | 7 a.m.  |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI            | "SHANSI"    | On 15th Jan. | 8 a.m.  |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI            | "KINGYUAN"  | On 16th Jan. | 10 a.m. |
| AMOI, SHANGHAI               | "TSAN"      | On 16th Jan. | 4 p.m.  |
| SHANGHAI & DALNY             | "SHANTUNG"  | On 16th Jan. | 5 p.m.  |
| SHANGHAI & DALNY             | "KANOHOW"   | On 17th Jan. | 4 p.m.  |
| SHANGHAI & DALNY             | "SUICHOW"   | On 21st Jan. | 7 a.m.  |
| AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE     | "NEW WANG"  | On 21st Jan. | Noon    |
| AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE     | "ANHUI"     | On 22nd Jan. | 8 a.m.  |
| AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE     | "KATUNG"    | On 22nd Jan. | 10 a.m. |
| AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE     | "LINAN"     | On 23rd Jan. | 7 a.m.  |
| SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY     | "ANKING"    | On 29th Jan. | 7 a.m.  |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI            | "LUL DW"    | On 29th Jan. | 8 a.m.  |
| AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALNY       | "KALAN"     | On 29th Jan. | 10 a.m. |
| AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE     | "SINKIANG"  | On 30th Jan. | 5 p.m.  |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI            | "ANTUNG"    | On 31st Feb. | 7 a.m.  |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI            | "KWANGCHOW" | On 31st Feb. | 10 a.m. |
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| 4. "CITY OF DURHAM"     | Via Suez Canal | 23rd March    |
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## Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures, etc.

### ARRIVALS.

January 10th.  
*Chungwoo*, Chinese str., 1,234 tons, Capt. A. Lang, from Swatow, lying at buoy No. C30.—Wakamatsu & Co.

*Del Mar*, Japanese str., 1,392 tons, Capt. K. Yagata, from Canton, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

*Havfjell*, Norwegian str., 1,430 tons, Capt. A. Frandsen, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C34.—Dodwell & Co.

*Lee On*, Chinese str., 739 tons, Capt. Kwok Kan, from Kwong Chow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42.—Hop On S.S. Co.

*Sun Sui Koi*, Chinese str., 242 tons, Capt. Hau, from Macao, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—Sui Sang S.S. Co.

*Tak Hing*, Chinese str., 165 tons, Capt. Lo Sau, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Ho Co.

January 11th.  
*Hoson Maru*, Japanese str., 2,350 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, with 300 tons of coal and 400 tons of merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

*Hupei*, British str., 1,295 tons, Capt. J. Miley, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

*Hydrangea*, British str., 561 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 145 tons of general cargo, lying at Chin On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

*Kawachi Maru*, Japanese str., 2,560 tons, Capt. T. Ideno, from Buenos Aires and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

*Kiangsu*, British str., 1,550 tons, Capt. C. S. Ishister, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

*Wai Shing*, British str., 1,160 tons, Capt. H. H. Hodgson, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

### CLEARANCES.

January 11th.  
*Del Mar*, for Swatow.  
*Fuking Maru*, for Fukuiki.  
*Ho Sang*, for Singapore.  
*Hupei*, for Swatow.  
*Kawachi Maru*, for Kobe.  
*Mandarin Maru*, for Wakamatsu.

*Phonang*, for—Parang Bay.  
*Seisan*, for Swatow.  
*Tak Hing*, for Macao.  
*Victoriana*, for Manila.  
*Wai Shing*, for Canton.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Ambrose*, *Waterline*, South Wall Basin, *Kharki*, East Wall Basin, *Cicada*, *Onslaught*, S/Os, L.S., L.19; North Arm, *Jagur*, S/Os, L.1; West Wall Dock, *Petersfield*, *Francis*; In Dock, *Herald*, S/Os, L.1, L.2; *Tatook Dock*, *Seraph*, No. 3 Buoy, *Narveland*, No. 4 Buoy, *Trigant*, No. 6 Buoy, *Cardale*, No. 7 Buoy, *Titanus*, S/Os, L.2, L.7, L.8; No. 20 Buoy, *Portol*, *Belgic*.  
 Foreign Men of War—U.S.S. *Sacramento*, *Chamont*, Italian, *Sebastiano Cuboto*, Japanese, *Uji*.

### PASSENGERS.

Departures.

Per s.s. *President Grant*, for Manila, on January 11th:—Mrs. M. Alario, Mrs. L. Baggeley, Mr. J. S. Burt, Mr. L. A. Dickhoff, Mr. L. Everett, Miss L. Fasting, Mr. F. J. Field, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fossum, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Freeman, Miss M. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hogan, Mrs. W. M. Miley, Mrs. V. A. Miley, Mr. C. Rewachand, Mr. G. Sobharaj, Mrs. D. Kanagdag, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith, Mrs. Bayard Stewart, Lt. L. J. Webb, Mr. Y. Fukuda, Mr. T. Brown, Mr. Y. Iuzish, Mr. Uy Cho Yee, Mr. Sra Yu Chuany, Rev. Fa. Garcia, Rev. Fa. C. Fernandez, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Parry, Master J. B. Parry, Mr. W. J. Sawyer, Mr. Don Tilling, Mr. So Ho Toy, Mr. D. Kanagdag.

Per s.s. *President Jefferson*, for Seattle, on January 11th:—Mrs. R. Gamble, Master R. Gamble, Master J. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bounce, Mr. Y. Y. Lee, Mr. C. O. Chan, Mr. Chan Wing, Mr. Kwan Yan Shan, Mr. Yu Cheung Yuen, Mr. Wong Yiu Shan, Mr. D. Timmins, Dr. H. G. Earle, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ho, Mr. Kwan, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lum, Mr. Lum, Miss Lum, Mr. W. Hoegger, Mr. Lam Wai Kai, Mr. Lau Siu Bun, Mr. H. Y. Chan, Mr. S. H. Yu, Mr. Yu Yung Tat, Son, Mr. M. M. Chiang, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Chan Bing Chin, Mrs. Geo. B. Ash, Miss S. H. Hargreaves, Mr. J. C. Van Cleve, Miss Peggy Wood, Mr. D. C. Coney, Mr. P. A. David, Miss V. M. Chesworth, Mr. Cheung Pak Fui, Miss S. F. Wong, Miss S. T. Wong, Mr. Li Tse Koo, Mr. Tang Yung Koo, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gild, Mr. D. Chadduck, Mr. Alfred Frederickson, Mr. Lo Kan, Mr. H. W. Ray, Mr. Mak Siu Him, Mr. Kwan Yau Sam, Mr. M. W. Stevens, Lt. Lee Henley, Mr. To Chung Ping, Mrs. P. T. Liang, Mr. S. K. Wei, Mr. Tin Chung, Mr. Chan Tze Min, Mr. C. L. Slow, Mr. Sau Fong Hin, Mr. Hong Him, Mr. Chu Tong, Mr. Moy Wing Yip, Mr. Ng Hay Ping, Mr. Ng Sut Yiu, Dr. B. H. Mellon, Mr. Ho Why, Dr. D. Schieder, Mrs. C. M. Elder, Mrs. A. P. Knapp, Master J. Van Cleve, Mr. R. L. Link, Mrs. E. L. Link.

### VESSELS IN PORT.

Vessels in port yesterday were:—

British: *Cap. St. Agnes*, *Kiang Su*, *Hydrangea*, *Seisan*, *New Mathilda*, *Skypoc*, *Taiping*, *Apoey*, *Arafura*, *Chuan*, *Kwangtung*, *King Yuen*, *Shantung*, *Kwinding*, *Kanchow*, *Gorgistan*, *Wing Hong*, *Shun Si*, *Sumatra*, *Taikoo*.  
 American: *Victoriana*.  
 Mexican: *Chin Chih*.  
 Norwegian: *Prominent*, *Solvick*, *Bothnia*, *Hiram*, *Portland*, *Gran*, *Hermelin*, *Bollm*, *Eiger*, *Kronviken*, *Mundeg*, *Jah Sady*, *Hovinekel*.  
 Panama: *Pavnee*.  
 Japanese: *Kawachi Maru*, *Deli Maru*, *Morisan Maru*, *Fukuji Maru*, *Shima Maru*.  
 Chinese: *Chung Wai*, *Sun Sai Kai*, *Lee On*, *Main Foo Sing*, *Phranang*, *Huich Cheng*, *Yuan Jeng*, *Hui Cheong*, *Haimen*, *Conjucius*, *Derwent*, *Ban Fui Soon*, *Poo Tye*, *Lee Cheong*, *Gen. H. Hui*, *Gen. H. Kuo*, *Mao Sun*, *Dutch*, *Tijmanek*, *Hankow*, *Jan*, *Otto*, *Hong Kong*, *Portuguese*, *Shing Cheong*, *Kong On*, *King On*.  
 Total: 65; British, 20.

### THE CHINA COAST.

CHANGES IN OFFICER PERSONNEL.

The following are the latest changes in officer personnel:

Mr. A. Duncan, third engineer, *Chinkwa*, has gone third engineer, *Shensi*.  
 Mr. G. J. Forster, third engineer, *Shensi*, has gone third engineer, *Chinkwa*.  
 Mr. E. J. Easson, from reserve, has gone second engineer, *Taming*.  
 Mr. W. T. Cronby, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, *Kiangsu*.  
 Mr. W. Orr, second engineer, *Kiangsu*, is on Home leave.  
 Mr. A. B. Brown, sup'y third engineer, *Taming*, has gone sup'y third engineer, *Taikoo Wanyi*.  
 Mr. D. H. Maxwell, second engineer, *Taming*, is on reserve.  
 Mr. A. E. Nixon, from reserve, has gone third engineer, *Sinkiang*.  
 Mr. C. P. Butleridge, third engineer, *Sinkiang*, has gone third engineer, *Wanchow*.  
 Mr. C. E. V. Fowler, from reserve, has gone second engineer, *Kanchow*.  
 Mr. H. C. McKenna, second engineer, *Kanchow*, has gone second engineer, *Tean*.  
 Mr. R. Barclay, chief engineer, *Anhui*, has gone chief engineer, *Kalgan*.  
 Mr. A. D. Armour, chief engineer, *Kalgan*, has gone chief engineer, *Kwangchow*.  
 Mr. J. Tolson, chief engineer, *Kwangchow*, has gone chief engineer, *Anhui*.  
 Mr. J. H. Cameron, sup'y chief engineer, *Hain Peking*, has gone chief engineer, *Wanchow*.  
 Mr. G. Cornack, chief engineer, *Wanchow*, has gone sup'y chief engineer, *Nyankun*.  
 Mr. A. B. Bowler, second engineer, *Tientsin*, has gone sup'y second engineer, *Hain Peking*.  
 Mr. P. H. Todd, second engineer, *Wangpu*, has gone second engineer, *Wanchow*.  
 Mr. A. MacGregor, from Home leave, has gone sup'y chief engineer, *Hain Peking*.  
 Mr. C. L. Crampton, from Home leave, has gone sup'y second engineer, *Wanchow*.  
 Capt. P. R. Cumings, from reserve, has gone master, *Jingang*, *Yang*, is on reserve.  
 Capt. S. J. Barden, of the *Ming*, Mr. G. J. Lawson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, *Kingwo*.  
 Mr. G. E. F. Beck has been appointed sup'y second officer, *Tai-shing*.—Shipping and Engineering.

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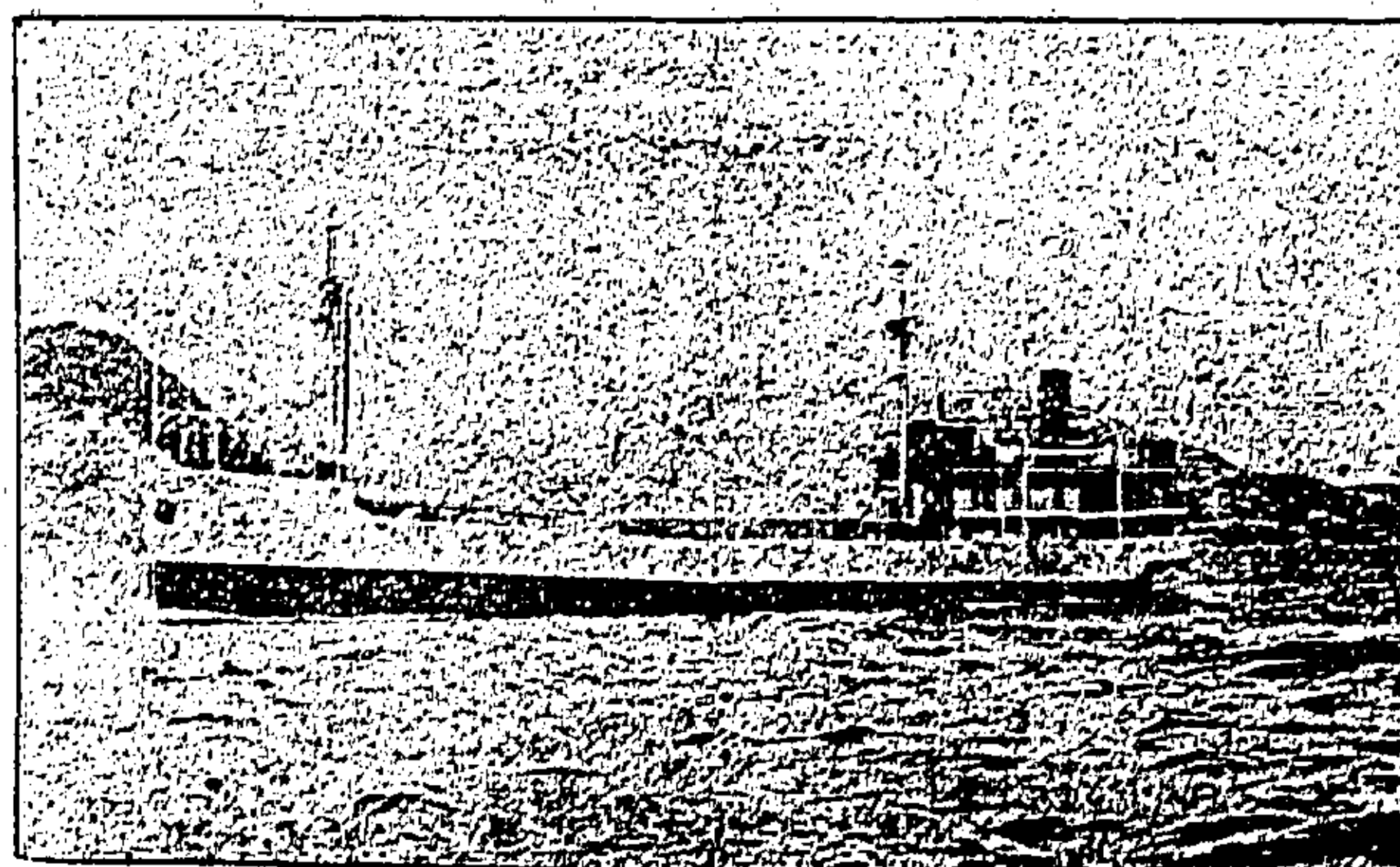
The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong today:—  
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### SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* left Kobe on Wednesday, and is due at Yokohama to-day (Thursday) at 9 a.m.  
 The N.D.L. s.s. *Derfflinger* left Shanghai on January 10th, and is expected to arrive here to-morrow, January 13th. She will sail for Europe, via Manila, Singapore and ports, on the same day.

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| CANTON                         | "WAISHING"<br>"YATSRING"                            | Thurs, 19th Jan., at 9 a.m.<br>Tues, 17th Jan., at 2 a.m.                                                        |
| STRAITS & CALCUTTA             | "NAMSANG"<br>"KUMSANG"                              | Wed, 1st Feb., at 3 p.m.<br>Tues, 7th Feb., at 3 p.m.                                                            |
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